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Dear All... Well, as promised 2016 has started really well for both the magazine and the Phenomena Project with Steve Mera and Don Phillips flying to Seattle in the USA investigating a claim of demonic disturbances in an ordinary family home. It did not turn out as expected, not by along chalk and we will keep you fully apprised of what happened there as soon as we possibly can. We also had a meeting in the city of York in early January to decide on the way ahead for the mag and this included the Phenomena Project and what we hope to achieve in terms of providing absolute proof that consciousness does transcend physical death. The responses from the deniers and sceptics should, to say the least, be extremely interesting. Meantime, in addition to teaming up with the consistently excellent Conspiracy Journal, we are also adding an additional 70,000 addresses to our mailing list; we will keep you informed how this pans out, because we may have to devise another method to send out the magazine.

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Given our current level of scientific advancement, a sensible answer to the question: "Does intelligent life exist on Venus?" would be – "I don't know, but if it does, it must be very different from us, because we could not survive in that environment." At this moment, officially – and I stress that word – *officially* – we have no knowledge of life on other planets. This being the case, we are not in a strong position to judge what that life might be like, or what conditions would be necessary for life, or how intelligent that life might be.

Thankfully, in part to progress in the field of theoretical physics, the concept of life "not as we know it", and therefore potentially extant but undetectable by our current technology, has recently gained ground with the scientific community, notably thanks to Professor Lord Martin Rees, Astronomer Royal. Variations in physical appearance and structure are one thing, but what if a whole civilization could exist on a totally different frequency of vibration? This, I believe, is the case when it comes to our closest planetary neighbours. Considering that we on Earth have only a few thousand years of scientific development, it is perfectly reasonable to imagine that an alien civilization might be older than ours. Looking at how much technology has advanced on Earth even in the last 200 years, imagine what a civilization could achieve in, say: 20,000 years – or more. What if our planetary neighbours were literally millions of years ahead of us? The idea of such an advanced culture existing on a whole different plane of existence is not only possible – but perhaps even probable.

I am happy to freely declare that I take a largely *spiritual* approach to the subject of life on other planets. Science and spirituality are in essence two paths to the same goal – Truth; neither path being complete without the other. In fact science – as it should be – is entirely spiritual because it is the study and application of the natural laws created by the mind of God. And spirituality – as it should be – is entirely scientific because it too is the study and application of the natural laws created by the mind of God. Science and spirituality are simply two different approaches, these differences resulting from our failure to have mastered either. Spirituality often does not seem remotely scientific because it is either misunderstood, or appears "miraculous" due to the advanced underlying scientific principles behind it. As Arthur C. Clarke said: "Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic."

This is certainly the case when it comes to life on other planets.

I am an International Director of The Aetherius Society, which was founded in 1955 by Dr. George King – one of the most amazing space contactees the world has ever known. Dr. King was in contact with extraterrestrial beings from other planets in this Solar System from 1954 until his death in 1997. This included physical meetings, encounters through projection, and information given through trance mediumship and telepathy. Dr. King also visited both Mars and Venus, in a projected state, in the 1950s.

Most of the information given to, and through him, was given by intelligences from Mars and Venus. Needless to say, this is not the Mars and Venus that our current science can detect – but Mars and Venus on a "higher plane of material existence", as a being from Venus described it. That is to say: these planes are *material* – they are *physical;* but it is physicality of a higher vibration, existing parallel to the lower plane on which we currently reside.The intelligences on these higher planes are more advanced than us in every way.

Technologically, their science defies our puny conception. They are able to travel all over the galaxy – and even beyond. This, combined with the fact that life still exists on Earth, surely proves that they are not in any way hostile. If they were, they could take over this planet and enslave or destroy all life upon it within minutes. In fact, quite the reverse from being hostile, they have actually saved us from malevolent alien intelligences from outside of this Solar System on numerous occasions.

Spiritually they are everything that we might strive to be – at our best – and yet, so much more. Each of the other inhabited planets in this System exists in a state of peace. Martians do not attack other Martians; nor do they attack Venusians or Jupiterians or any other race. Nor do any of these planets have any kind of financial system – or even barter system.

There is no such thing as rich or poor. They all work completely willingly for the good of all – giving and sharing freely the fruits of their labours. And this work is not like so much of the work on Earth – at the cost of other living beings and the resources of the planet itself – but performed in such a way as to be in complete harmony with the forces of nature and the environment, even when it comes to technology.

They can pass freely from one planet to another, for the purposes of their work and their education – learning from and teaching one another. Each planet has different specializations. For example, Mars is associated with technology – such as spacecraft, but *not* warfare, as astrologers sometimes claim. Jupiter is associated with music, colour and perfume. Saturn is the most advanced planet in the System – associated with wisdom.

But specialization does not mean that these beings are foolish or ignorant about other things. They are experts in everything, by our standards at least, but even more expert in some fields than others. The reason for this colossal difference between them and us is that not only are their civilizations more advanced than ours, but that they themselves as individual intelligences, independent from those civilizations, are more advanced than us.

The limitations that we suffer on Earth, such as old age, disease and death, do not exist for these beings. At least – not in the same way – because they have full conscious control over matter, an ability brought about not by magic, or through some miracle of God, but through thousands of years of physical, mental and spiritual training. Hence, they do not die and reincarnate like we do. They exist in the same physical structure for perhaps thousands of years, and if they do wish to change this structure, they can do so consciously, without loss of memory or the limitation of childhood. Not only is this an amazing thing in itself, but it also obviously enables a culture to advance much more quickly, since all the inhabitants retain all their learning all the time.

Not only are they not limited to one particular planet, but nor are they limited to any one plane of existence. They can travel freely to other planes, whether through conscious projection, or in a vehicle of some kind – including to our lowly plane. This may well be why many UFO sightings feature craft "blinking" in and out of visibility – i.e. moving quickly between this plane and another. They visit this Earth frequently – and keep a close eye on us constantly. They can choose to be seen, or remain invisible, as they see fit.

The reason why they are not seen more – why they do not land fully openly among us – is that they do not wish to interfere with our natural evolution. They help us in every way possible to them, within the confines of the great law of karma, but cannot go any further. Karma is not about punishment, but about experience. About spiritual evolution. It is that "action and reaction are opposite and equal". In short: our actions are not equal to more open intervention from more advanced intelligences.

People have often asked for a sign from beings from other planets – to which the response, as given through Dr. King, has been that *we* on Earth should give *them* a sign – a sign that we would make proper use of the secrets they shared with us, for the good of all, rather than as part of some foul materialistic, military machine – intent on benefiting the few to the detriment of the many.

It is only when we grow up as a planetary race that we will be allowed to enjoy the fantastic opportunities of open contact with our older and wiser planetary neighbours. Our relationship with them is in some ways like a child's relationship with a good parent. A good parent might help a child with their homework – but would not do the homework for the child, because then the child would not learn for themselves. Likewise we on Earth have to learn to solve our own problems – and prove our good intentions – before we can enjoy the benefits of interplanetary culture.

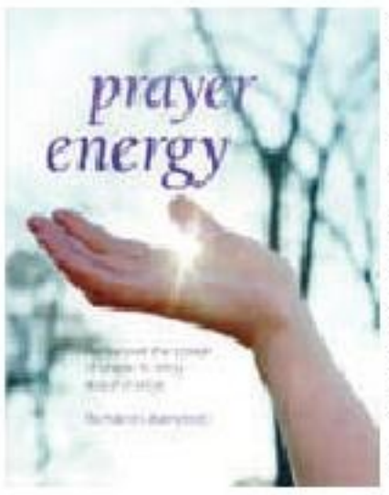
And one of the main themes of the message of beings from other planets is that we can – and one day *will* achieve this. How long it takes is up to us. The longer it takes, the more unnecessary suffering we will inflict upon ourselves. But the door will never be closed. There is no such thing as being "beyond redemption" – even for a race as insane and wicked as our own.

The key to this change is selfless service to others. Far more than just being a moral teaching – service is at the very heart of spiritual evolution, not least from a karmic perspective. Service, coupled with spiritual self-development, such as meditation, will bring about a change in consciousness, individually and globally, which ultimately will even be reflected in our physical bodies, as we too develop the powers of our planetary neighbours to avoid death, old age and disease.

And not only this, but the more we make the effort to improve ourselves and the world as a whole, the more intervention from higher powers will be allowable within the karmic law. And the more intervention is allowed, the faster our progress will be.

In conclusion: we are incredibly fortunate. We have made a mess of much of our world, but we are receiving help, behind the scenes, from interplanetary beings, who have not only saved us from catastrophe on numerous occasions – but have promised that one day, we too, will advance out of our current lowly level of evolution – and enjoy true galactic freedom.

How extraterrestrial beings are currently helping Earth will be covered in a future article.



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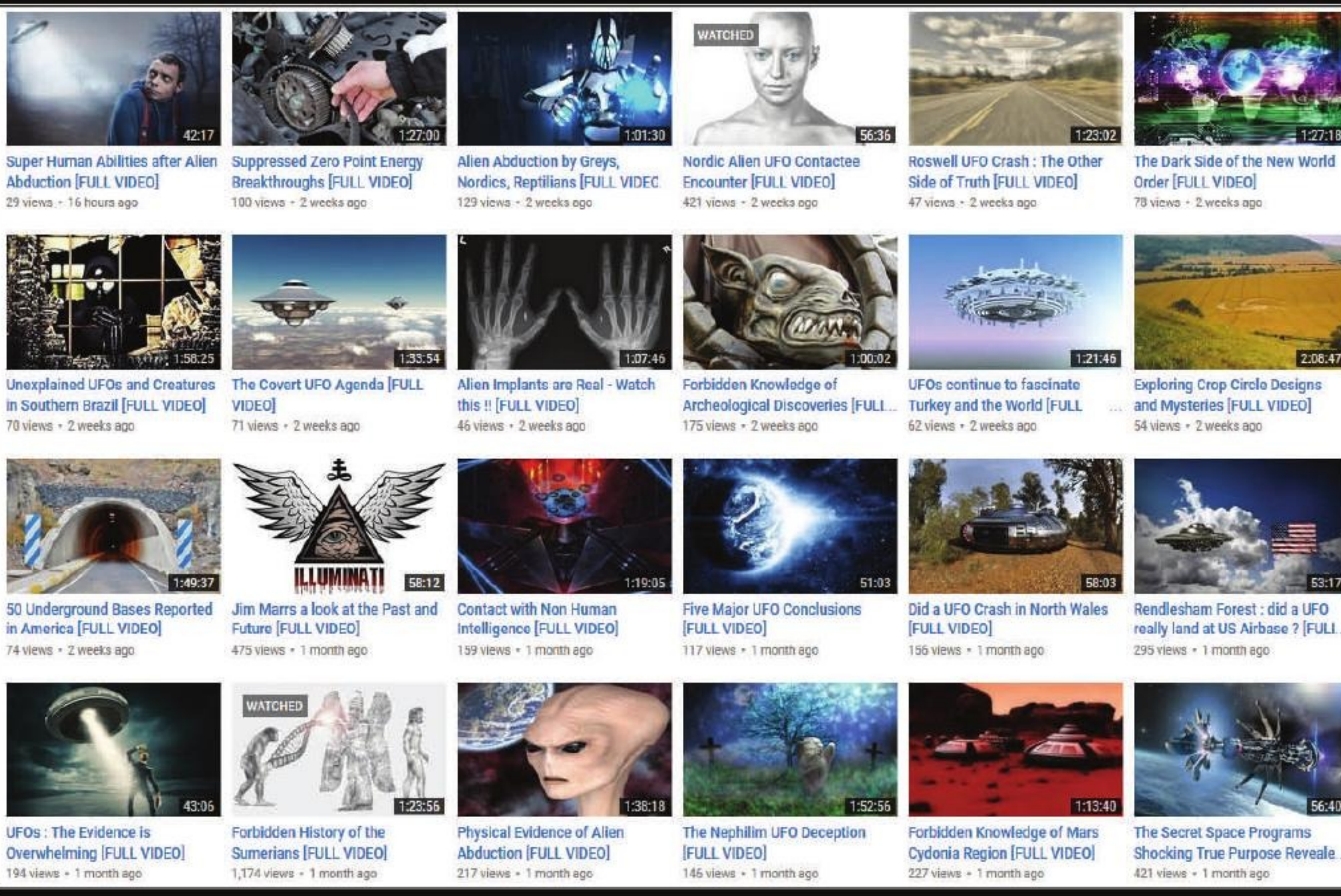

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THE BELL WITCH
Poltergeist Activity and the UFO Phenomenon
The Supernatural is a Key Element in Discovering the True Origin of Our Ultra-Terrestrial Visitors

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There is even a scene in Steven Spielberg's classic 1977 UFO movie, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," in which actress Melinda Dillon is laid siege by various household objects moving of their own accord and creating a frightening sense of chaos that precedes the abduction of her young son by the aliens. It is sometimes argued that many kinds of paranormal events – including Near Death Experiences and hauntings – form a kind of supernatural continuum and are all manifestations of the flying saucer occupants operating from various planes outside our everyday reality.

If such is the case, then it behooves us to study subjects like poltergeist hauntings in the hope of better understanding how the different aspects of UFOlogy form a cohesive whole. The new release from the publishing house Global Communications called "The Bell Witch Project" does just that when it examines an early 19th century poltergeist haunting that received wide publicity in the U.S. and remains a controversial case to this day. The new book is part of the "Very Strange People" series that also includes a volume on "Mad" Mollie Fancher, a celebrated "fasting girl" who claimed to live for 51 years without ingesting a single morsel of food.

WHO WAS THE BELL WITCH?

The uniquely American story of the Bell Witch haunting, in which a ghost took up residence in the home of a Tennessee farming family in 1817, began when John Bell, the head of the family, was out walking through his cornfield. He sighted a strange, doglike creature in the distance that suddenly disappeared.

Around the same time, Bell's son and daughter were walking through an orchard when they noticed an old woman walking beside them. When the daughter spoke to the old woman, the old woman simply disappeared.

These sightings were followed by strange, inexplicable noises in and around the Bell house, such as knocking sounds on doors and windows, wings flapping against the roof and animals fighting and scratching. As the noises became more intense, the family tried desperately to find the source but found nothing. Then bed coverings began slipping off the beds as if being pulled by someone. Sometimes one could hear noises like lips smacking and gulping. The Bell household became a noisy nightmare. One night the spirit began to talk, introducing itself with hysterical, mocking laughter. When asked its name, the spirit answered "Kate." The spirit began to speak incessantly, arguing theology, teasing and tormenting, spreading gossip and singing loudly. She seemed to know intimate details about everyone and took great delight in being able to pester the household at will. The poltergeist claimed to have been conjured by the deceased spirit of a woman named Kate Batts, whose invalid husband had been cheated in a slave deal with John Bell. There are historical records to the effect that Bell had been convicted of the crime of usury, or charging excessive interest, in the deal.

On her deathbed, Kate Batts swore she would haunt Bell and his descendants.

The spirit abused John Bell in many ways. She threw furniture and dishes at him, pulled his nose, yanked his hair and poked needles into him. She yelled at night to keep him from sleeping and snatched the food from his mouth at mealtime, all in the effort to vent her anger and hatred. No one ever saw Kate/the Bell Witch, but every visitor to the Bell home could hear her all too well. Future president Andrew Jackson, who at the time was a general in the Tennessee militia, once visited the Bell home, curious to see if the widely circulating stories were true. "I'd rather fight the British in New Orleans than have to fight the Bell Witch," Jackson is alleged to have said after spending the night in the Bell home. John Bell died in 1820, weak and exhausted by years of physical abuse from the Bell Witch.

At his funeral, attended by hundreds of friends and curiosity seekers, Kate laughed and mocked the family, singing loudly and joyously in her triumph. Kate stayed on the Bell property for another year and then departed. She returned briefly seven years later. The remaining members of the Bell family either died or moved away but, to this day, strange lights and ghostly apparitions have been seen in the area. Some believe that John Bell's restless ghost still wanders the land he once owned and farmed.

ANOTHER PERSPECTIVE ON THE BELL WITCH STORY

"The Bell Witch Project" also offers the perspective of present day psychic Shawn Robbins, a protégé of the late ghost hunter, Hans Holzer. Hans often relied on Shawn's psychic abilities in order to facilitate contact with spirits from the other side since he possessed few such powers himself.

In the book's opening chapter, Shawn talks about the day Hans invited her over to try to establish a "remote-viewing" link to the Bell Witch house.

After Hans put Shawn into a hypnotically-induced, trancelike state, she revealed aspects of the story previously unknown. "I immediately encountered the ethereal spirit, Kate Batts," Shawn writes, "who had a distraught and distressed look on her face. She quickly pointed to her belly and said, 'It is not my child.'

"'Who then?' I asked. 'The slave Wilbur,' she replied. I asked Kate why this was important. She answered, 'I was raped.' At that very moment I knew this was the information that Hans sought and had eluded so many others. In further conversations with the Bell Witch, Kate revealed to me she carried the child for seven months and gave birth to it prematurely. The male child died a few hours later. When her husband saw the baby was not his, he immediately went into shock and accused Kate of having an affair."The relationship between Kate Batts and her husband Frederick was never the same afterward. Frederick never forgave what he took to be her adulterous union with a slave, and Kate never forgave herself for never telling Frederick she was raped. When Shawn awakened from her trance, Hans wrote down everything she said and later used the material on the Bell Witch in one of his many books. The idea that Kate Batts was raped by a slave adds credibility to the notion of her anger and desire for vengeance and its expression from beyond the grave.

VAMPIRES IN EARLY AMERICA

"The Bell Witch Project" also covers other forms of paranormal strangeness, including legends of vampires and spectral invaders. Noted author and talk show host Paul Eno – **www.behindtheparanormal.com** – has collected many a weird tale over the years, including – surprisingly enough – real life vampires in early America. "Each of our six New England states has had vampire cases," Paul writes. "Several of the more striking incidents occurred in eastern Connecticut and Rhode Island in the period between roughly 1770 and 1900. Belief in vampires, in one form or another, has filtered down from the remote past."

Eno tells the story of the Brown family of Rhode Island. Mary Brown, the mother, died of consumption on December 8, 1883, leaving her husband to care for their one son and several daughters. Six months later, the oldest daughter, 20-year-old Mary, died of the same disease. Edwin, the son, contracted consumption and relocated to Colorado, hoping to recover in a different climate. Declining rapidly, Edwin returned to Rhode Island, only to find that his 19-year-old sister Mercy had the disease and was in even worse shape than he.

As Edwin battled for his life, Mercy died in January of 1892. Twelve members of the Brown family conferred on what could be done for Edwin, who, given his former strength and health, should not be wasting away. They concluded unanimously that a vampire must be draining the life out of him – a vampire that likely resided in the grave of one of the three deceased family members.

"So, on a cold March day in 1892," Eno recounts, "a grim assembly arrived at the Chestnut Hill Cemetery in Exeter. The remains of Mrs. Brown and Mary, buried for years, proved to be only skeletons. But in Mercy's grave was a startling find. Not only did the body look in the pink of health, with blood in the heart and arteries, but it had turned over partway in the coffin. The vampire hunters cut the girl's heart from her body and burned it on a rock that still can be seen not far from the grave." The ashes of the heart were gathered up, to be dissolved in medicine in the hope of curing Edwin. The grotesque remedy did Edwin no good; he died shortly thereafter.

HOOLIGAN SPIRITS INVADE

Paul Eno has another interesting story to tell in "The Bell Witch Project." In 1692, in Cape Ann, Massachusetts, an apparent invasion by an army of ghosts or demons took place. It started at the home of Ebenezer Babson, who, along with his family, on a nightly basis, heard strange noises outside their home "as if some persons were running hither and thither about the house," Eno writes.

Returning home late one night, Babson saw two figures emerge from his front door. After his family told him no one had been there, Babson grabbed his gun and gave chase. The two figures fled into a swamp and one was heard to say, "The man of the house is now come, else we might have taken the house."

In the days that followed there were other similar local incidents of phantom figures who were immune to bullets and spoke in an incomprehensible language. More of these specters appeared both by day and night, dressed in white and carrying "bright guns," though they acted more like hooligans than soldiers. Some believed the Devil was loose in Cape Ann. Whoever the phantoms were, they grew more emboldened every day.

"They threw stones, beat upon barns with clubs, and otherwise acted more in the spirit of diabolical revelry than as actuated by any deadlier purpose," wrote 17th century historian and witch hunter Cotton Mather. "They moved about the swamps without leaving any tracks like ordinary beings. It was evident that such beings as these were must be fought with other weapons besides matchlocks and broadswords; consequently, a strange fear fell on the Cape."

The residents of Cape Ann called upon the nearby town of Ipswich for help, and Ipswich sent 60 men to do battle with the "Powers of Darkness." The demonic hooligans were not impressed and treated the mortal combatants with open contempt. Once it was settled that the "insults" proceeded from specters and not human beings, the incidents ended as suddenly as they began. Eno offers the theory that the Cape Ann demon invasion had much to do with stirring people up about the paranormal and contributed to the witch hysteria in Salem and Danvers that would begin in earnest that same year.

THE MONSTROUS CANNIBAL ROLLING HEADS

The monstrous Rolling Heads of Native American lore are almost too horrifying for the movies, though it would be just the sort of thing current CGI technology could do a good job with. There are several different versions of this story, but they all center on man-eating monsters who appear as an undead, disembodied head with long, tangled hair. The heads roll along the ground chasing humans to kill and devour.

Rolling Heads are created when victims of particularly violent murders rise from the dead to seek revenge. In most stories, this takes the form of an angry man who murders his unfaithful wife, although in some versions the victim is killed for witchcraft or violating some taboo.

The story is sometimes made more gruesome by the addition of forced cannibalism, such as feeding the flesh of the mother to her unsuspecting children or feeding the wife part of her own meat as she lays dying.

Eventually the series of evil acts leads the Rolling Head to rise from the victim's grave and take revenge on the killer. It then proceeds to terrorize its own children and/or the neighboring people until someone manages to destroy it. Some say that Rolling Heads can only be killed by drowning, while others say this is accomplished with magical powers or by causing the heads to fall off cliffs or into pits.

GHOSTLY SLEEPY HOLLOW AND HAUNTED JEROME, ARIZONA

Never being one to take the easy path, intrepid adventurer, writer and publisher Timothy Green Beckley shares his accounts of visiting Sleepy Hollow, New York, the home of the Headless Horseman, and Jerome, Arizona, a sleepy former mining town made alive by the continual presence of spectral prospectors and tragically wronged ladies of the evening.

As Beckley pondered the fact that Sleepy Hollow had been overflown by UFOs repeatedly in the famous Hudson Valley flap of the 1980s, his traveling companion, a woman named simply Circe, cracked open their copy of Washington Irving's famous story "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" and read: "A drowsy, dreamy influence seems to hang over the land and to pervade the very atmosphere. Certain it is, the place still continues under the sway of some witching power that holds a spell over the minds of the good people, causing them to walk in a continual reverie. They are given to all kinds of marvelous beliefs, are subject to trances and visions, and frequently see strange sights and hear voices and music in the air. Stars shoot and meteors glare oftener across the valley than in any other part of the country."

That last sentence, about the frequency of stars shooting and meteors glaring, seems to offer a clue that Sleepy Hollow was a UFO hotspot even centuries ago when Irving first wrote about the bewitched New York hamlet. It serves as an excellent example of the paranormal continuum that connects ghosts and UFOs and other mysterious phenomena. Meanwhile, in the aforementioned Wild West tourist locale, Jerome, Arizona, prostitution was never formally legal but it was tolerated by city lawmakers and essentially flourished. Jerome even had its own Red Light District known as Husband's Alley.

According to tour guide Ron Roope, "The women of the night often underwent cruel hardships at the hands of their clients. There were beatings, stabbings and strangulation. There was also the specter of alcoholism and opium addiction, to say nothing of disease. Sammie Dean is probably the most famous case of a lady of the night who was murdered under horrendous circumstances."

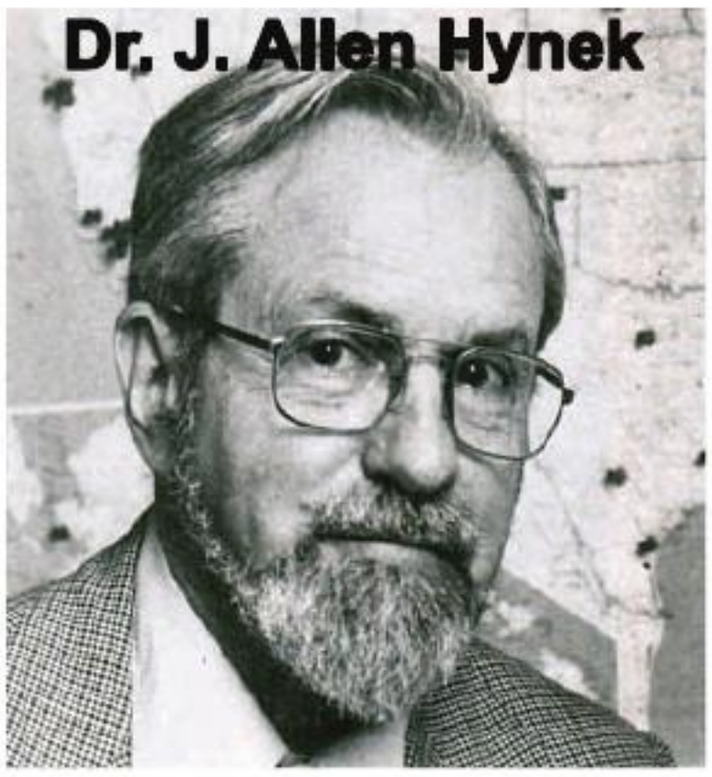
The story goes that Sammie was murdered in 1931 by the son of the mayor of Jerome when she refused his offer of marriage as he wined and dined her at an upscale restaurant. The next morning she was found brutally strangled to death. No charges were ever pressed, but the mayor's son left town shortly after the incident. The spirits of Sammie and other lesser-known "sporting gals" can be seen and heard wandering the streets by the town's community center, which has been tagged "Spook Hall."

BECKLEY WEIGHS IN

Publisher, researcher and co-host of the "Unraveling The Secrets" podcast Tim Beckley has long been pushing the

connection between the paranormal and UFOs. "I have discovered that there are many similarities," Beckley said, "between what happens in a séance room and what happens at a UFO landing site. Objects move, people levitate, mysterious orbs appear to dance around, and sometimes the primary observer will start to channel the occupants of the craft they have seen. There is a certain 'dark side' of UFOlogy which encompasses what I call the 'fear factor.'

Many UFO percipients tend to keep silent about what transpires in the aftermath of their encounter. They feel that seeing a UFO is strange enough, so why add to the 'believability' and trauma of the episode in question? Even physical trace investigator Ted Phillips, who was a close associate of the late Dr. J. Allen Hynek, started out believing in the ET Hypothesis for the origin of UFOs but now concedes – mainly because of his research into the ongoing phenomena surrounding Marley Woods – that there is a paranormal aspect to UFOs that serious 'nuts-and-bolts' researchers have long overlooked."



SUPERNATURAL AMERICANA

With the foregoing (and many other) bizarre narratives on offer, the profusely illustrated "The Bell Witch Project" is essential reading for those interested in supernatural Americana. From 19th century poltergeist hauntings to New England vampires to man-eating Rolling Heads, stories abound that will surprise and terrify and which most likely have escaped your notice until now. When we think of the hardy pioneers who settled this country, we should also consider the frightening paranormal encounters that came with the territory. Our forebears not only fought Indians and British and French armies but also strange interlopers from the unknown who sometimes came to vent the rage of hell itself on hapless farmers and ordinary folks of all stripes.

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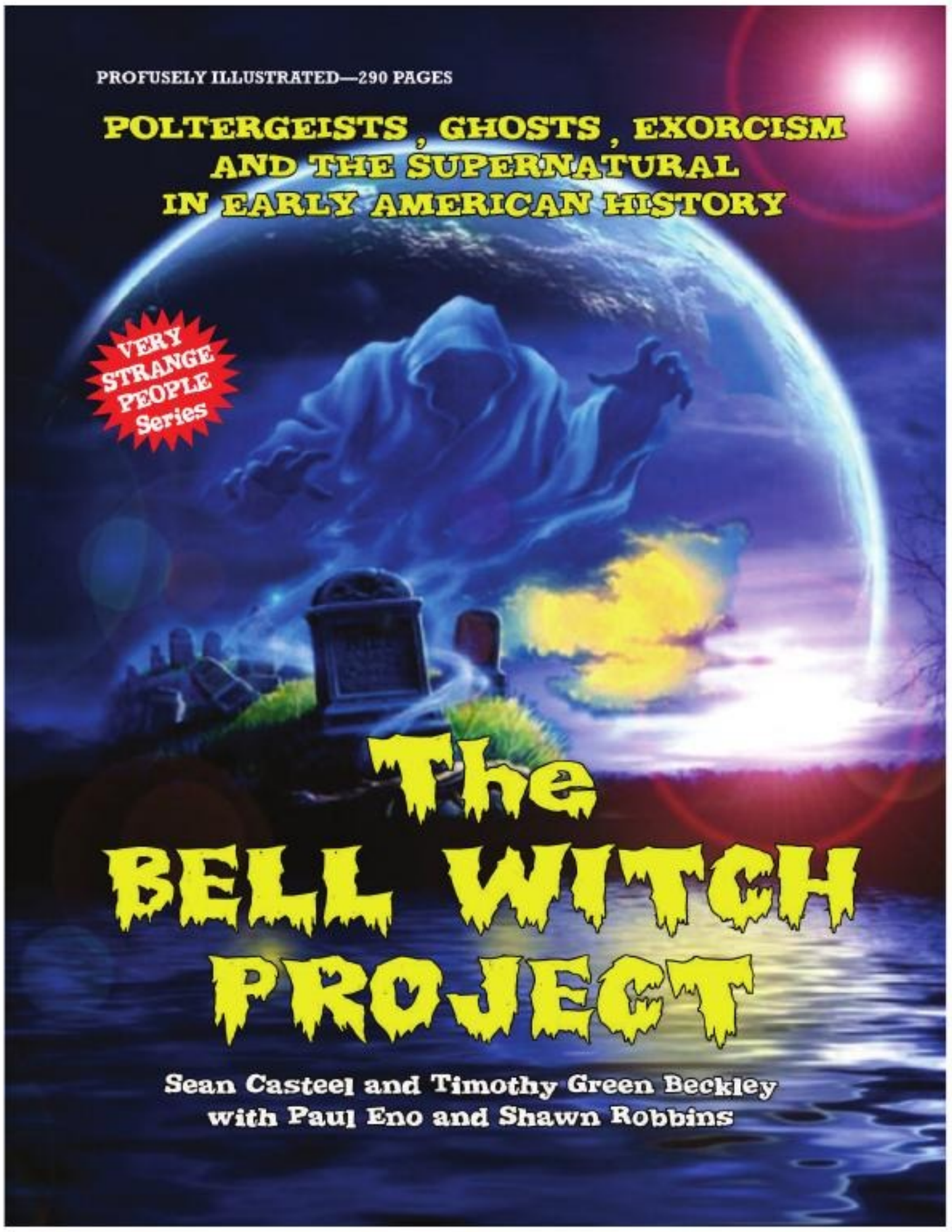
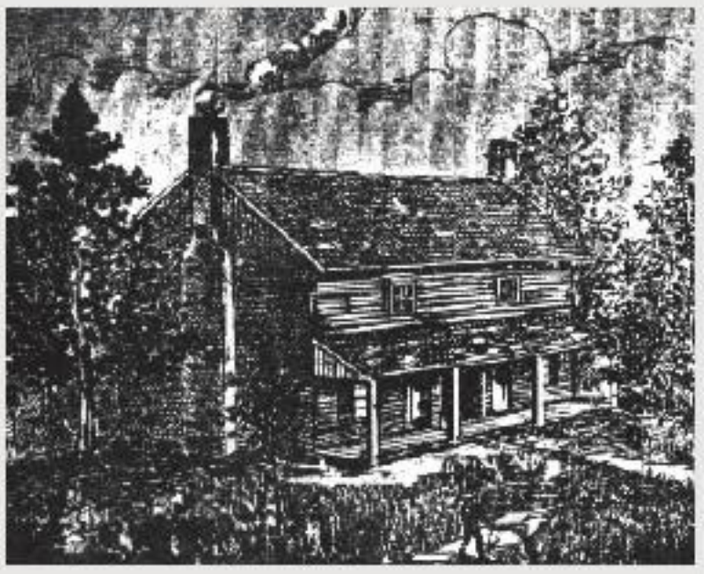


The Bell Witch or Bell Witch Haunting is a poltergeist legend from Southern folklore, centered on the 19th-century Bell family of Adams, Tennessee. John Bell Sr., who made his living as a farmer, resided with his family in Adams, Tennessee in the early 1800s. In 1817, his family came under attack by a witch, who was believed to be a lady called Kate Batts.[1] Various accounts written afterward, tell stories similar to other poltergeist legends. It began with noises in the walls and grew to include unusual sounds, people being slapped and pinched, objects being thrown, and animals being spooked without visible cause. In the 1894 book An Authenticated History of the Bell Witch, author Martin Van Buren Ingram claims that the poltergeist's name was Kate, and that she frequently cursed the Bell family out loud. The activity centered on the Bells' youngest daughter, Betsy, and worsened after she became engaged to one Joshua Gardner. Several accounts report that during his military career, Andrew Jackson was intrigued with the story and was frightened away after travelling to investigate.[3] Other stories relate that the family was haunted by scratching noises outside their door after Bell found a half-dog, half-rabbit creature. Some stories end up with Bell being poisoned by the witch. Accounts vary about the witch being someone who had been cheated by Bell or a male slave whom Bell had killed.

The only known account of the haunting prior to Ingram's publication was in 1886, more than 60 years after the events. This one paragraph in the Goodspeed Brothers book History of Tennessee does not mention Andrew Jackson or the death of Bell Sr.: A remarkable occurrence, which attracted wide-spread interest, was connected with the family of John Bell, who settled near what is now Adams Station about 1804. So great was the excitement that people came from hundreds of miles around to witness the manifestations of what was popularly known as the "Bell Witch." This witch was supposed to be some spiritual being having the voice and attributes of a woman. It was invisible to the eye, yet it would hold conversation and even shake hands with certain individuals. The feats it performed were wonderful and seemingly designed to annoy the family. It would take the sugar from the bowls, spill the milk, take the quilts from the beds, slap and pinch the children, and then laugh at the discomfort of its victims. At first it was supposed to be a good spirit, but its subsequent acts, together with the curses with which it supplemented its remarks, proved the contrary.



Paranormal investigator Benjamin Radford, as well as Brian Dunning, conclude that there is no evidence that Andrew Jackson visited the Bell family home. During the years in question, Jackson's movements were well documented, and nowhere in history or his writings is there evidence of his knowledge of the Bell family. According to Dunning, "The 1824 Presidential election was notoriously malicious, and it seems hard to believe that his opponent would have overlooked the opportunity to drag him through the mud for having lost a fight to a witch." There have been several movies based, at least in part, on the Bell Witch legend, including The Blair Witch Project in 1999, Bell Witch Haunting in 2004, An American Haunting in 2005, Bell Witch: The Movie in 2007, and The Bell Witch Haunting in 2013. The Danish metal band Mercyful Fate have a song titled "The Bell Witch" on their 1993 album In the Shadows. Seattle-based doom metal band Bell Witch took their name from this legend. The American television series Ghost Adventures filmed an episode at the Bell Witch Cave. There is a new series - "Cursed: The Bell Witch" - based on the latest members of the Bell family trying to end the curse, airing October 2015 on the A&E Network. Tennessee author William Gay wrote a novel, published posthumously in 2015, entitled Little Sister Death, about the Bell Witch...

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HALT IN WOODBRIDGE

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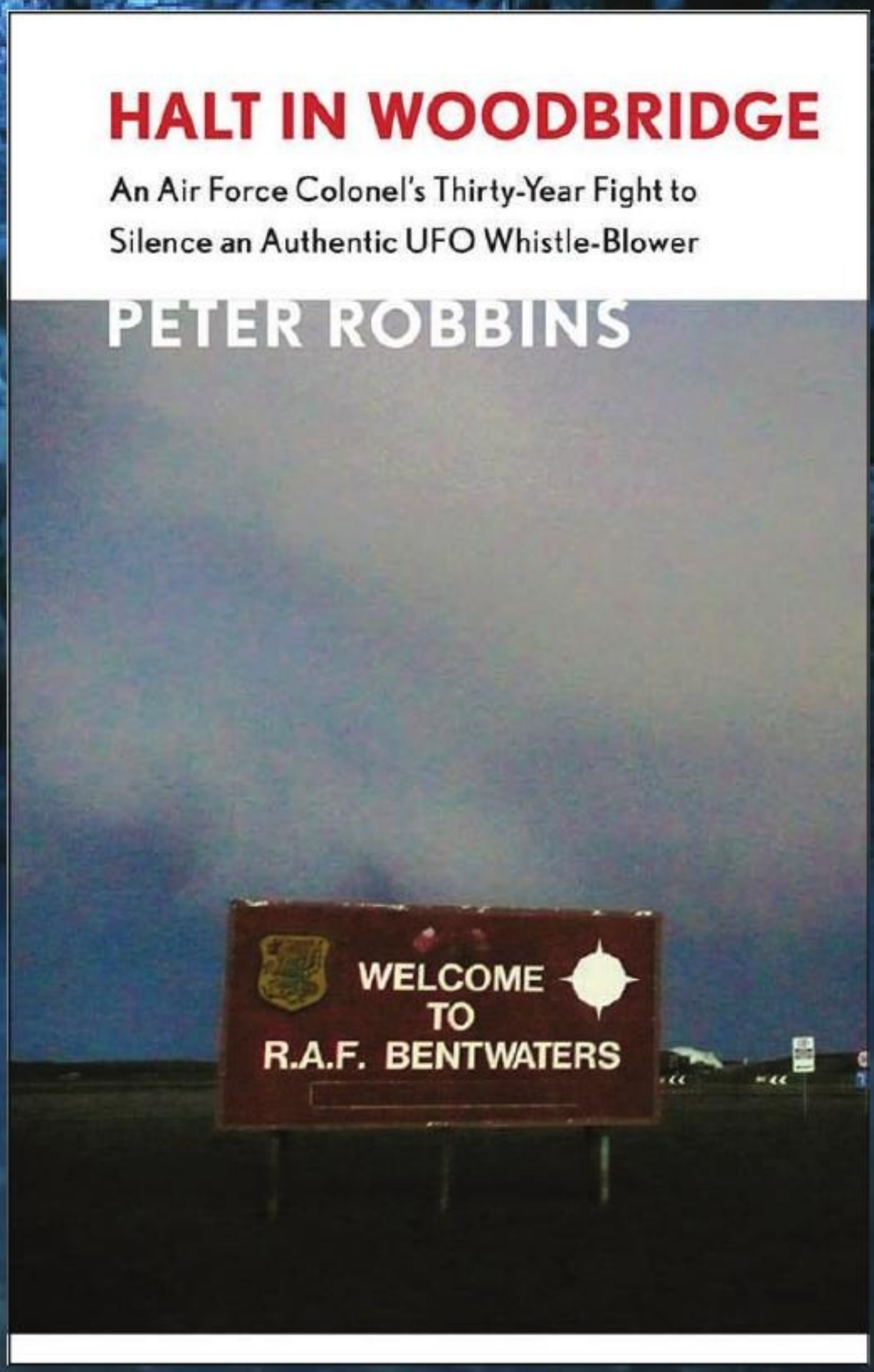
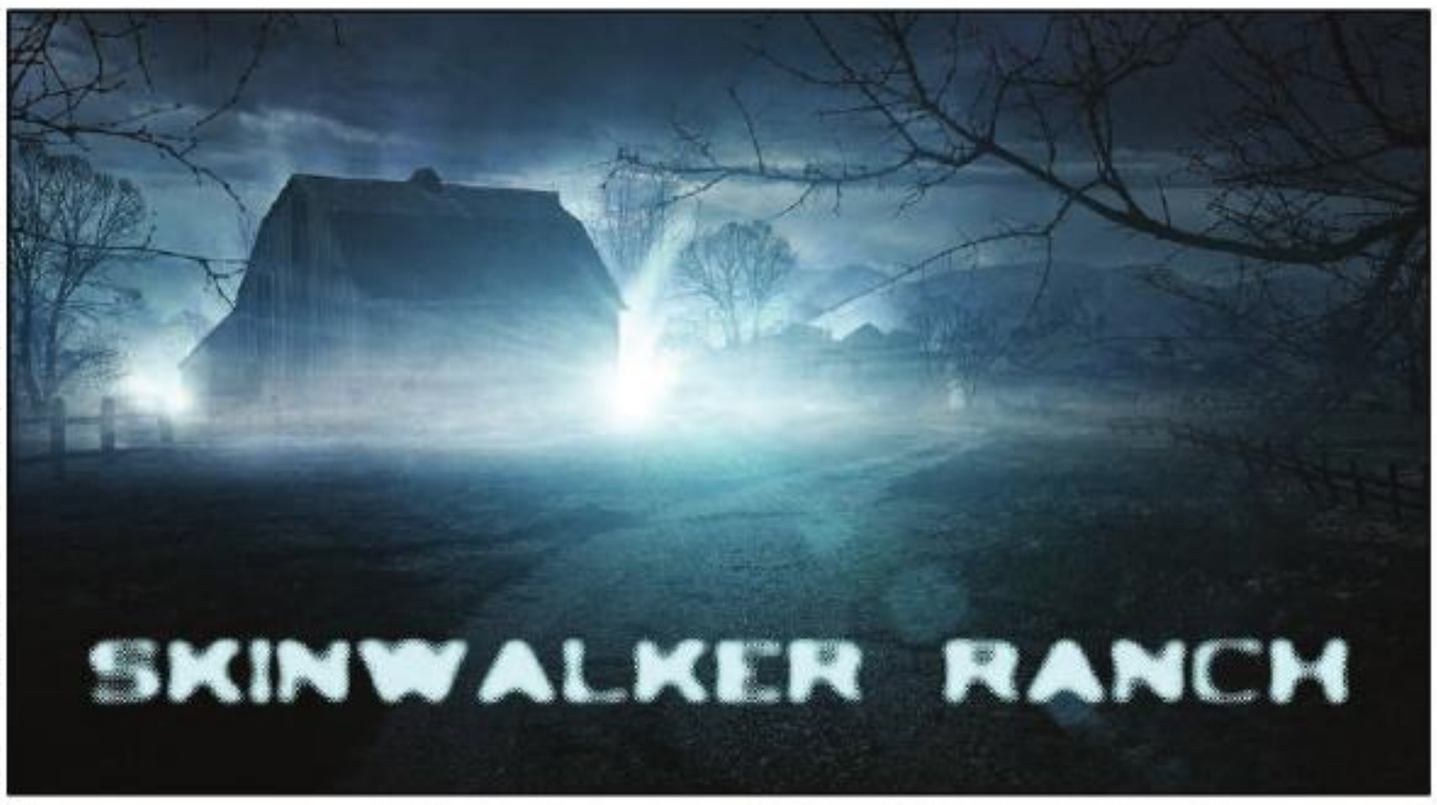


SKINWALKER RANCH
THE STORY: PART 2

THE NIDS INVESTIGATION

After its sale to Robert Bigelow, NIDS employed Terry Sherman to manage the ranch for them. If significant events occurred when NIDS personnel were absent, he could contact the organization. They had a private jet at their disposal, and could therefore fly into Utah and arrive on the scene relatively quickly.



There were competing views within NIDS about how to proceed. One camp argued for "full instrumentation", with automated sensors covering every square yard of the ranch, constantly feeding back data. Terry Sherman and the other camp thought that that might be counter-productive. In the event, the team opted for a technologically-oriented approach, although I doubt whether it went as far as literally monitoring every square yard of the property. In September 1996, a physicist, a veterinarian and Kelleher moved into an observation trailer that had been deployed on the ranch. Over the next few months, they assembled portable equipment for gathering data on UFO lights. Other items available included, for example, night-vision binoculars, video cameras (with night-vision attachments), and radio frequency analysers. Two additional investigators were employed. In the early phase of the project, two teams were deployed on the ranch each night, their task being to capture evidence of anything unusual on videotape or with cameras. And during the early months, dozens of tape-recorded interviews were conducted with local residents concerning strange events that had allegedly occurred near the ranch over the years.

Relatively little was experienced during the early phase of the investigation. *Hunt for the Skinwalker* mentions just two UFO sightings by NIDS personnel (p. 101, p. 105), neither of which seems to have been very dramatic. But there were numerous incidents between March and August 1997. For example, one night in late August, two NIDS colleagues observed an area of yellow light (pp. 143-147). Viewing it with state-of-the-art night-vision binoculars, one of them saw what appeared to be a tunnel suspended a couple of feet above the ground. He saw a black, faceless creature crawl out of it and walk away. His companion, without the night-vision binoculars, saw only an area of yellow light that got brighter and larger and then got smaller and less intense. He took photographs. A very faint, blurry light appeared in one, but there was nothing on the rest of the roll of film.

Incidents also occurred when NIDS personnel were absent. For example, in March 1997, a newborn calf was found mutilated, with its internal organs gone. As in many other animal mutilation cases, there was no sign of blood. In early April 1997, Gwen Sherman made a rare visit to the ranch. She and Terry passed a corral containing four bulls, but 45 minutes later, they found the corral empty. Shortly after, Terry discovered the bulls, crammed into a trailer, although there was no entrance to it from the corral, except by a tightly locked door. (According to Junior Hicks, as reported by Salisbury, the incident involved a small shed, not a trailer.) NIDS personnel subsequently discovered that something had highly magnetized the metal corral bars near the trailer, although the magnetic field wasn't present on the other side of the corral.

In 1997, NIDS set up six surveillance cameras close to an area on the ranch where a series of dramatic events had occurred, such as the disappearance of six cattle. Some of the cameras could see into the infrared part of the spectrum. The cameras operated around the clock. However, a year passed with nothing unusual being detected. Then, in July 1998, three of them were vandalized in mysterious circumstances.

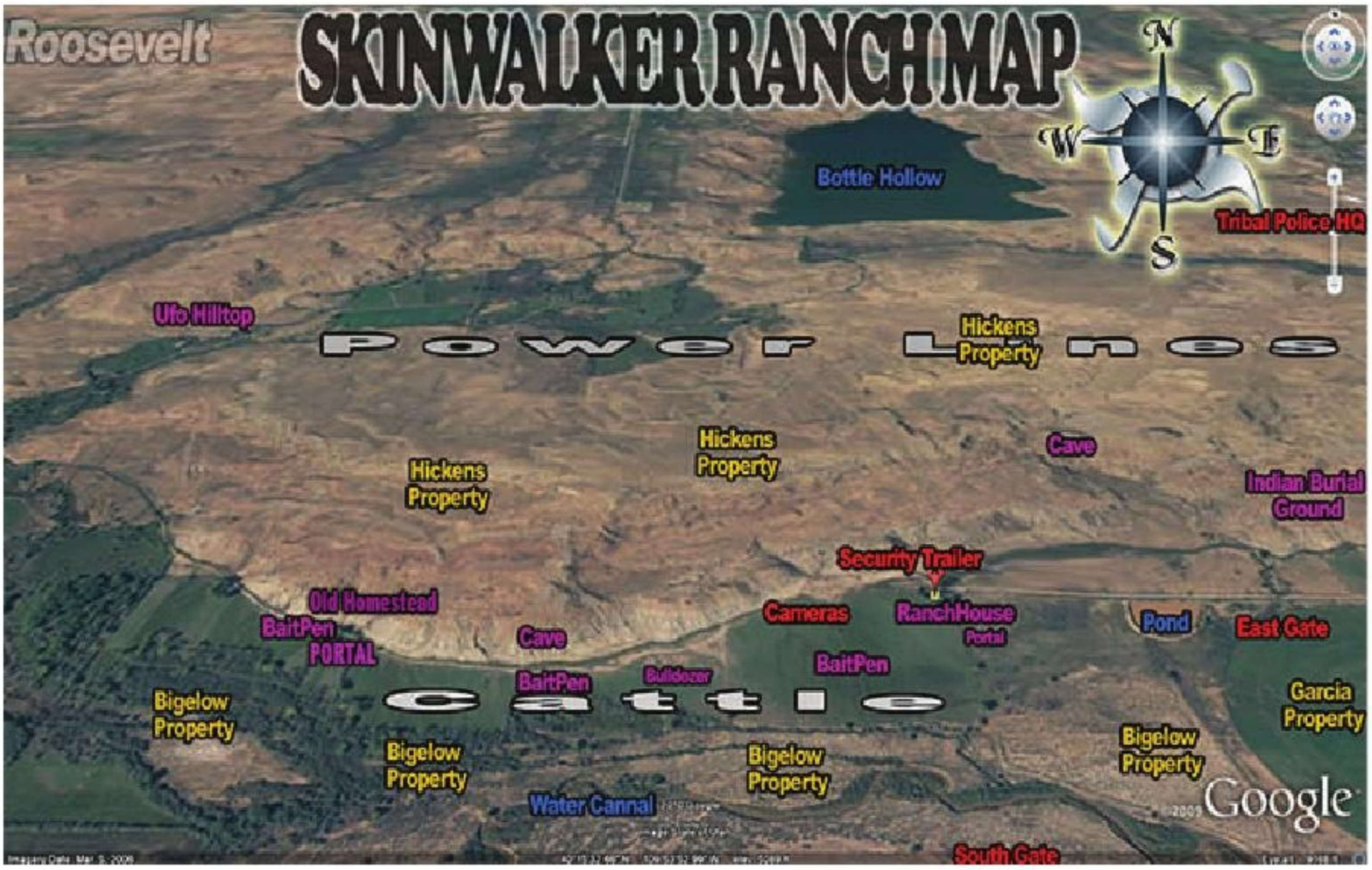
Terry Sherman had reportedly found that changes made to the topography of the ranch would be followed by UFO sightings. NIDS made attempts to elicit such phenomena by digging on the property. In several instances, within 48 hours, neighbours sighted a low flying orange object that disturbed animals. However, the NIDS personnel themselves didn't see it, and it wasn't detected by their surveillance cameras. According to Hunt for the Skinwalker (pp. 257-258), a perfect circle appeared overnight in February 2002 on the thin ice covering a pond, not far from the ranch house.

Examination showed that it had been cut by a sharp object moving anticlockwise. There were ice shavings at the edges of the groove. Along with some from a control spot elsewhere on the ice, they were taken for analysis, but the test results showed nothing noteworthy. Magnetic field, electric field, and radiation readings were taken in the vicinity of the pond, but Kelleher and Knapp imply that nothing remarkable was found. The cattle were checked for unusual marks, but none was found, and there were no unusual tracks.

As noted above, Colm Kelleher is said to have left NIDS in 2004. By then, apart from the aforementioned circle that was cut into the ice, nothing of note had apparently happened at the ranch for some years.

PHENOMENA ON AND AROUND THE RANCH SINCE 2004

Ryan Skinner, whose books I've mentioned above, has made numerous investigative trips to the Uinta Basin, and has reportedly made clandestine visits to the ranch itself, where he has allegedly experienced some dramatic phenomena. But since I've reviewed his books in some detail on Amazon, I shan't take up too much space by going into detail about them here. Suffice it to say that I've noticed some inconsistencies. For example, his 2013 book and his most recent one give conflicting accounts of an occasion when a wolf-like



creature allegedly materialized near him when he'd ventured on to the ranch at night. The first book indicates that he was alone at the time. (His brother had travelled to Utah with him, but was feeling unwell, and therefore Skinner went on to the ranch by himself.) But according to the most recent book, Skinner was with another investigator (unnamed) when the wolf materialized (pp. 18-19). He's even inconsistent regarding its size. On p. 18, he describes it as "massive"; but on p. 30, he refers to it as being "only somewhat larger than average". I don't know what to make of these inconsistencies. Die-hard sceptics could seize on them to disregard all of his testimony. On the other hand, if Skinner's primary focus has been on getting out to the area and experiencing as much as he can, it could be that he's had genuinely anomalous experiences, but has been rather careless about note-keeping and accurately describing what he's witnessed.

Skinner's first book claims that after his first nocturnal visit to the ranch, he experienced haunt-type phenomena for a period in his Wisconsin home. Among other things, Skinner's second (2014) book includes testimony from people who had supposedly worked at the ranch as security guards. Not surprisingly, their real names aren't given. They, too, reportedly experienced unusual phenomena during their time at the ranch.

SIMILAR CASES FROM ELSEWHERE

Other ranches have reportedly been the setting for a wide array of anomalous phenomena, and it's possible that publicized cases are just the tip of the iceberg. In their book *Merging Dimensions: The Opening Portals of Sedona* (Sedona: Hummingbird Publishing, 1995), Tom Dongo and Linda Bradshaw discuss the Sedona area in central Arizona. Regrettably, though, their book contains no references or index. The first part of it, by Bradshaw, focuses mainly on a ranch that she and her family were occupying in the area, although she doesn't give the exact location or provide dates for the incidents she describes. The alleged manifestations included, for example, mysterious sounds, unusual lights, photographic anomalies, the malfunctioning of equipment (as a result of unexpected battery drainage), and sightings of unusual creatures. In one such incident, Bradshaw looked out of her kitchen window to see what looked like a silver-grey animal running outside (p. 29). It disappeared before her eyes, and she then realized that it had been three or four feet off the ground. In his part of the book, Dongo discusses the area more generally. He suggests (p. 76) that it contains a number of major and minor "portals". He cites UFO incidents that raise questions about the role of the military. For example, one afternoon in the autumn of 1994, a woman in Village of Oak Creek reportedly saw a jet fighter flying in the company of two silver discs. The latter were about 20 feet in diameter. Several days afterwards, the witness and other residents in the neighbourhood were harassed by two large military helicopters (pp. 113-114).

DISCUSSION

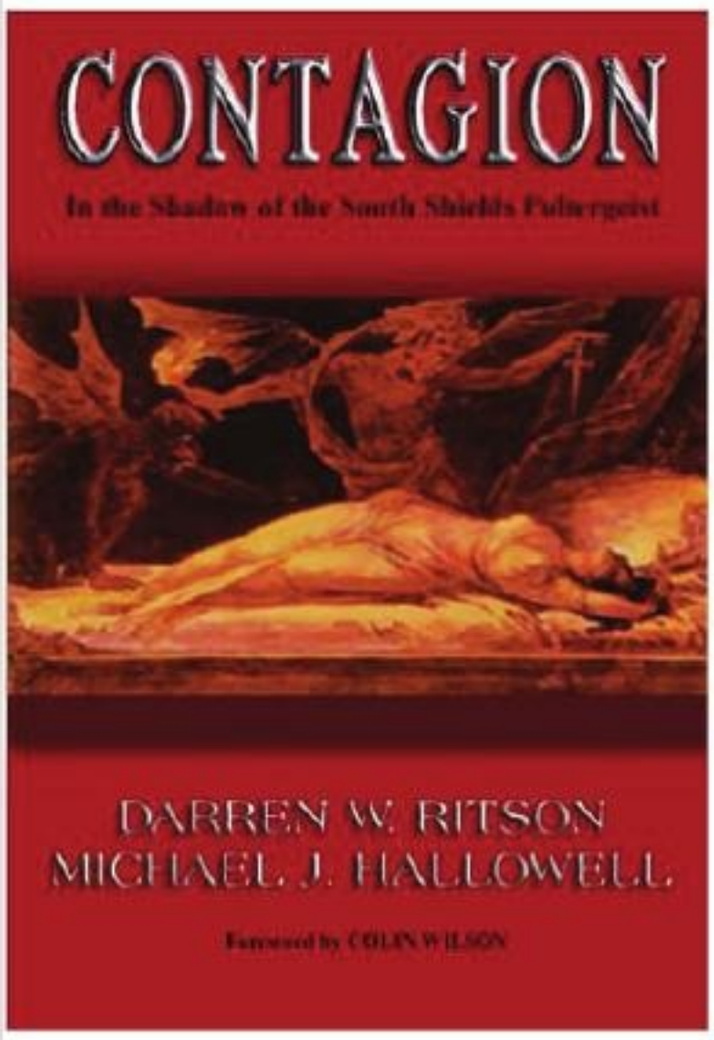
A hard-line sceptic might dismiss the Skinwalker Ranch case on the grounds that there are different versions of some of the stories and that some of the alleged witnesses are anonymous. However, regarding the general area, there are a fair number of named witnesses, and I think it's unlikely that they all conspired to create a myth about the ranch. Again, from a very sceptical viewpoint, it might be conjectured that the Sherman's invented stories about what was happening during their ownership of the property, and that Terry Sherman continued with deception and trickery when he was employed by NIDS as the ranch manager. But I'm not aware of any evidence of that. Furthermore, it's worth recalling that NIDS personnel themselves are said to have witnessed phenomena, including UFO sightings, which would have been difficult, if not impossible, for Terry Sherman to fabricate. For their part, Kelleher and Knapp (p. 211) think that it's highly unlikely that all of the strange events at the ranch were manufactured by the Shermans. However, it's possible that in some way they catalysed phenomena just waiting to happen. It would be interesting to know whether they had experienced anything strange *before* they moved to the ranch.

In Chapter 26 of their book, Kelleher and Knapp consider the possibility that highly secret military technology was being tested in the area. They state, rather vaguely, that military personnel were seen in the vicinity on several occasions, and they note, for example, that holographic projections might conceivably account for some of the UFO sightings, and that advanced camouflage experiments could, theoretically, explain some of the other incidents. On balance, though, they think it's unlikely that the ranch was targeted for a covert military operation.

They note, for instance, that it's doubtful whether any government on earth had such technology decades ago, when UFO sightings in the Uinta Basin became a matter of public discussion.

Hunt for the Skinwalker (p. 251) states that some members of the NIDS advisory board started to hypothesize that the Skinwalker Ranch was occupied by a "sentient, precognitive, non-human intelligence". To my mind, the notion of a tricksterish, higher intelligence makes sense, but I'm not convinced that it's necessary to ascribe a location to it – to say, for example, that it 'occupies' a particular place or comes from, say, a 'parallel universe'. If such an intelligence exists, it may be very much part of our own reality or universe. Ghostly phenomena and sightings of UFOs or strange creatures could be construed as temporary, dramatic performances staged by this intelligence. From this perspective, the objects and entities encountered have no independent, continuing existence, and there's no need to assume that they come from a distant planet, another dimension, another time, or a parallel reality.

Darren Ritson, and Mike Hallowell are the authors of an interesting book entitled *Contagion: In the Shadow of the South Shields Poltergeist* (Limbury, Luton: The Limbury Press, 2014).



They suggest (pp. 198-199) that poltergeist activity feeds on fear or stress, and that it may be "that the polt deliberately precipitates stress and fear [...] to enable it to feed!" They may well be right. But this is a strange notion, because fear and stress are mental/physiological *states*, not physical substances or types of energy. However, if we apply their notion to the case of the Skinwalker Ranch, and broaden it (to include more than just poltergeist effects) it helps to make sense of the fact that NIDS personnel seemed to experience fewer dramatic incidents than the Shermans.

For the Shermans, the phenomena were often disruptive and distressing, which may have 'fed' the manifestations. But the NIDS researchers actually wanted paranormal activity to occur, so that they could observe and record it. To the extent that they were less fearful, they may have provided less sustenance. Consequently, the intelligence behind the phenomena may have chosen to serve them only tantalizing titbits along with a large dose of frustration!

If there's some truth in the reports about the Skinwalker Ranch and similar cases, it appears that there's a degree of interconnectedness between phenomena that have traditionally been considered as belonging to fundamentally different categories. From a practical point of view, I would urge researchers to ask wide-ranging questions when enquiring about spontaneous paranormal phenomena. For example, when investigating a seemingly 'typical' haunting, it might be worthwhile to enquire whether there have been any 'additional' phenomena, such as UFO manifestations or sightings of strange animal-like entities.

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Zones of Strangeness: An Examination of Paranormal and UFO Hot Spots.

He believes that paranormal phenomena occur, and that many UFO experiences are genuinely anomalous. He contends that if we want to obtain a comprehensive understanding of ourselves and the nature of reality, these enigmatic phenomena can't be ignored...

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These are just some questions that would surely arise and of course would have huge implications for humanity. Some may argue that we already know the answers and do not need to seek out any more clarification. Others simply crave that golden opportunity to discover a piece of astonishing evidence that they will then perhaps use to simply inflate their ego to celebrity status, but on the other hand there are others who would simply like to answer the question for themselves. No matter who we are or what we do, we all crave the same sort of answers in one form or another, but as I've said, is it really meant to be proved or disproved?

My personal opinion is: not yet....I truly believe we humans on this tiny blue planet in space are just simply not ready for answers that would truly change the way we think and act towards the rest of humanity as a whole. My reason for this conclusion is that the subject of ghosts and poltergeists it is an age-old topic that goes right back in time. Many have tried to understand and explain in rational terms how an outbreak of poltergeist activity occurs, but then again, people either accept or reject such a theory and go back to the drawing board to think again.

The technology back then could have been an important factor regarding both the evidence gathered or the lack of it, but nowadays we have no excuse for a lack of useful technology. For me there is, even after all this time, nowhere near enough evidence. At this moment, the sheer number of smart phones, digital cameras and camcorders etc, on the planet is huge and you would think that there should by now be a decent percentage that have captured a ghostly apparition of the one kind or another, or somebody who is the victim of poltergeist activity must have recorded a chair moving of its own accord. Unfortunately, what we are left with are hoaxers seeking financial gain contaminating the subject, which, some say, was the cause of "The Cock Lane Ghost" back in 1762. The field is full of confusion and it is very frustrating for those serious enough to try and understand and study the paranormal. Are these ghost's camera-shy because they have the answer to humanities questions? The jury is out and the world is watching and waiting with baited breath.

We do, however, get rare cases that do truly defy explanation and we do sometimes view some footage or an image that does point towards something that may be genuinely supernatural. Have these tit-bits of the unexplained agreed to be seen and recorded by forces unknown to simply dangle the carrot, as it were, in front of us humans to entice us and keep us on the path to the truth?

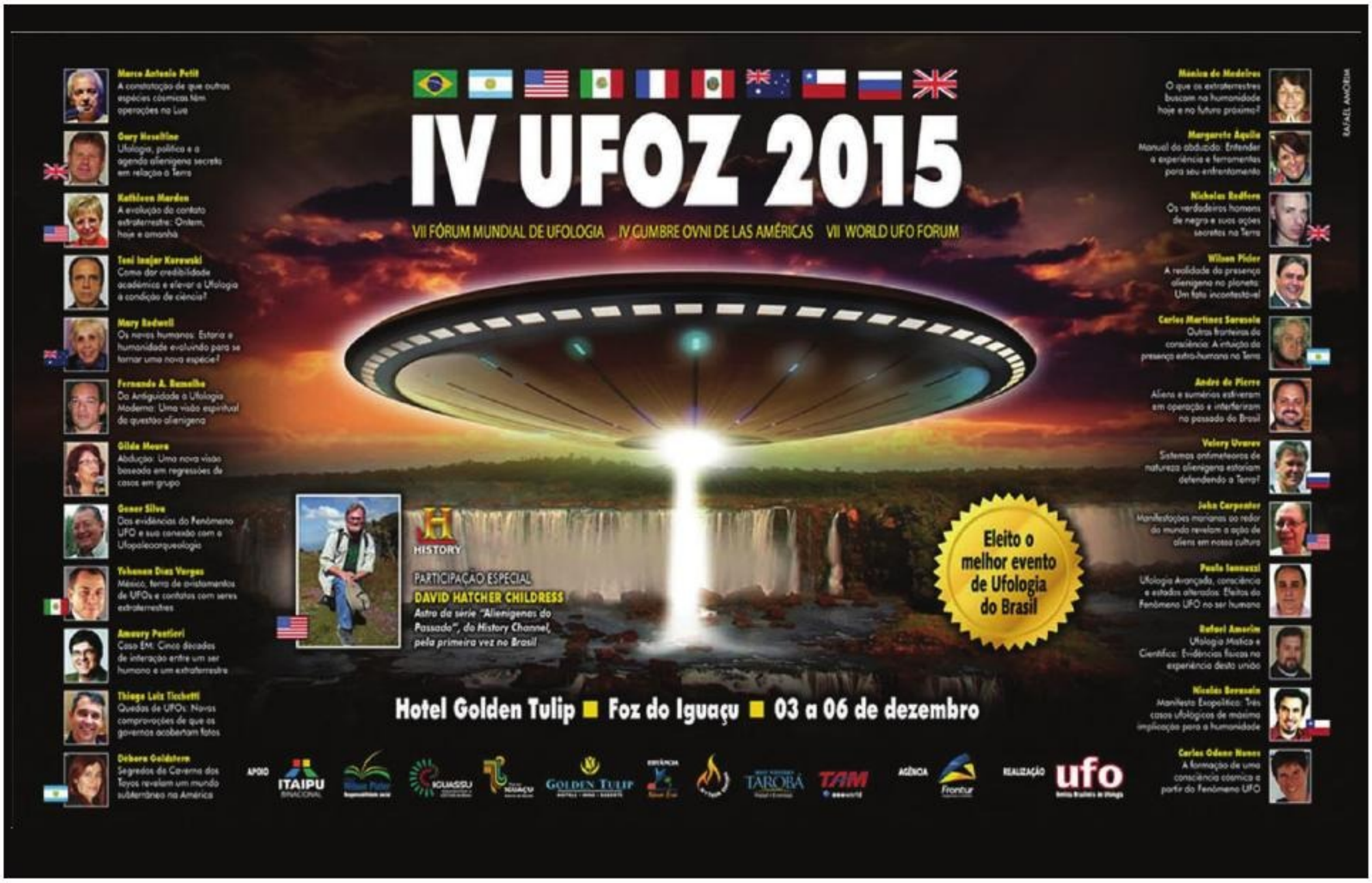
This may be so and has gripped my attention for a long time and I'm sure will continue to do so for many years to come.

The field has, sadly, become a bit of a circus in recent times, but then again has it not always been like that? I think we all need to work together towards the same goal in one form or another, we need to share and encourage ideas and theories, and not to encourage any sort of negativity, because its not helpful and causes some individuals to wash their hands of the paranormal and in many situations

it has caused people to simply give it up. It may just be the case that one of you out there has the key to share and unlock the mysteries to the paranormal; you may possess something truly incredible.

If we all work together as one and head in the same direction it will help gather more evidence and allow a better understanding of the paranormal that may finally unlock that defining moment for humanity.

I'm sure that the answers are out there, but we all need to show that we are ready for the truth, and prove to ourselves that the human race can show level-headed understanding and work as one, because we are all the same, and of course you never know, you may even uncover the final link in the chain...



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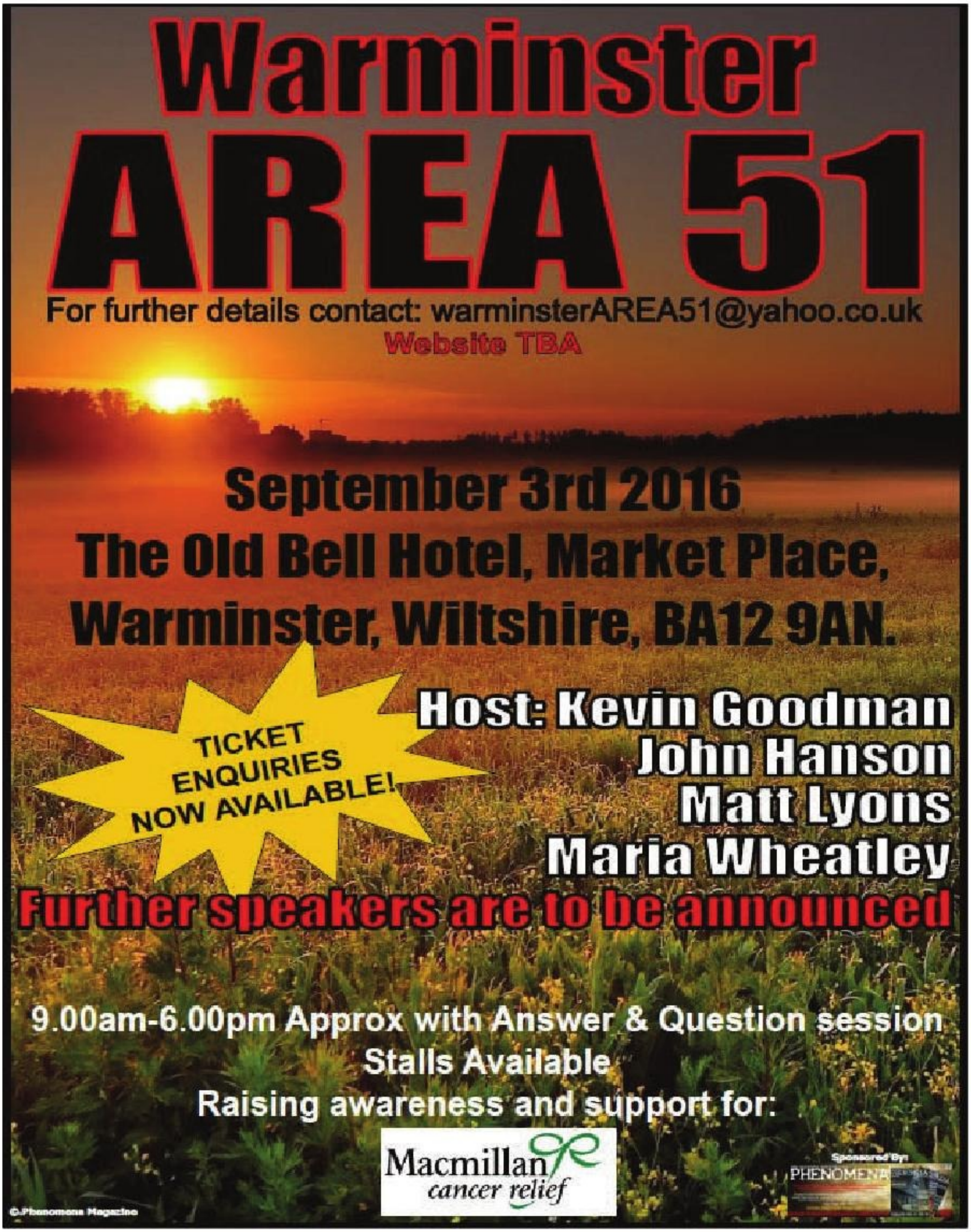

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Bravely done, because these people were fully aware of the consequences likely to result from their honest endeavours to bring the light of truth into the darkest deeds and crimes against humanity, committed from and by those in powerful positions of trust and responsibility. What is truly unbelievable is the continued insane blindness of people unable to understand their own enslavement and external control. They passively relinquish all personal responsibility and freedom to these concealed controllers of countries, in the mistaken belief that this will keep them safe. Politicians do not decide a country's course of action and in this day and age, the entire world's future is decided by those very few in the select and extremely secret, true positions of power.

There are many sources of information available, to and for, any who wish to increase their insight into this mind boggling global corruption and as usual, the facts are always blatantly staring people in the face - if they choose to look.

Should you so decide, you must first suspend your bias and ingrained beliefs about this world, its history and its leaders, as this truth will leave you astounded and is, when first encountered, totally beyond the rationale, reason, imagination or comprehension of the uninformed ordinary person.

Beware! - Within these revelations is a hook drawing one ever onward as it awakens the sleeper from their stupor. It dazzles and draws one on with ever deeper disclosures, which induce an almost drug dependant desire to uncover more, in a similar way that an exciting novel draws one ever on to the next chapter. Eager for more information and more answers, more research is needed and with each discovery comes the burning desire to inform others of the precariously terrifying state they ignorantly inhabit.

All information and knowledge is of value but once again, only when that knowledge does not enslave you into that egotistical state of knowledge for knowledge's sake or the disclosure of insight to others, merely to indulge one's ego by 'showing' what you know as opposed to; 'sharing' what you know. There are no teachers - only you and your mind mirror. With the enormous discoveries about the reality of the human corporeal condition, and the deeper insight of what is and has been perpetrated upon the populace by those sycophantic, mind-manipulating mannequins masquerading as altruistic governments, there comes a sense of outrage bringing with it a great need and desire to join with others similarly aware, to induce change. There is nothing wrong in this, as empathising with others suffering injustice and cruelty whilst attempting to remedy the situation and diabolical conditions they endure is commendable. To deceive oneself into thinking that anything one says or does will alter, affect, deflect or change the ambitions of those in power, is however...delusional.

All that has ever been told to you, along with all this additional illuminating information will, without you being aware of it, divert your mind into materialistic truth seeking and ego. Although it appears to enlighten, unless this information is seen for what it is; a tool which aids and equips one with the necessary perception that reveals the path lying hidden in plain sight, then that path will remain untrodden and forever obscured.

The only real purpose of this perception is the illustration of the constantly repeated insanity of humanity and how even after continuous slaughter, slavery and starvation of mind, body and spirit, the species does not evolve, will not evolve, and has in fact regressed into arrogant apathy. There are now more people than ever enduring despair and desperation than at any other time throughout known history and televised tripe talkers call it progress?

Still those enslaved continue to send their youth to fight, die and become cruelly crippled for that delusion named freedom? Human history is a catalogue of continuous catastrophe! Never has there been a time or era of joy, gentleness, kindness, peace or universal love, even though this is the postulated premise all philosophies, religions, teachings, creeds and theologies have spent thousands of years striving to achieve? Why has humanity never accomplished that place of peace?

Arrived at that time of joy, which for so long was obviously the only means within and through which earthly nirvana may be attained? Even now; many blindly continue to

indulge this inane idea that modern man will somehow behave differently, proclaiming that through the power of thought, prayer, meditation or any multiple of the afore mentioned, a time of bliss and enlightenment will ensue. This delusion is brought about through a naive believe that large numbers of people globally are now aware of a special spiritual awakening, an awakening they believe will bring about a mass shift in human consciousness, leading to a beautiful new earthly world.

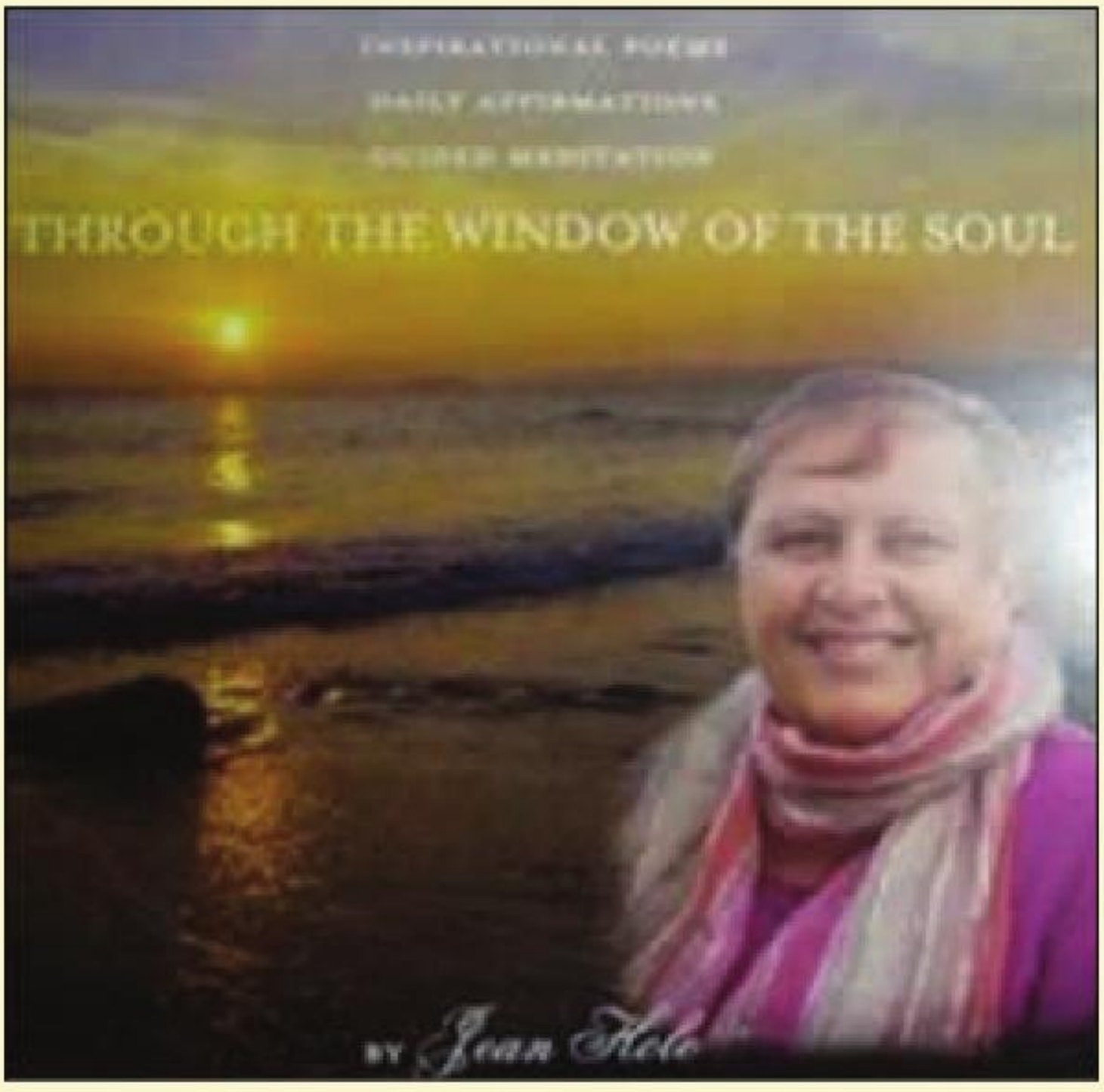
Although it may appear that more people are aware of a spiritual element within their lives, this is due to the massive increase in population and instant communication. A now 'needful' and disillusioned populace utilise this instant communication network on a large scale, as they search for some new or novel meaning in life, giving a false impression of spiritual growth. Throughout history, awareness of a spiritual dimension always existed within a considerable proportion of the population. The problem that remains true; is the fractional amount of any particular era's population who were, or now are, - prepared mentally and spiritually to seek beyond the safety zone and comfort blanket of personal preference and human hubris.

One should accept what is found without human prejudice and therefore become one to whom true insight is granted. It is a gigantic dimensional, solar and spiritual shift occurring, not just a three dimensional world shift and just as numbers seeking enlightenment have increased, so has the disproportionate numbers of those experiencing terror on this 'Sorrowful Star', as Marie Corelli, the wonderful writer of Victorian times:, was wont to name this planet.

By Richard R. Ritchie

THROUGH THE WINDOW OF THE SOUL

My name is Jean Hole, I am a Cornish medium and healer and poet. I was inspired from above to create this CD 'Through The Window of The Soul' to help people in all walks of life. Each poem brings healing through my voice with the sound of the sea in the background helping one to switch off and relax so peace can come into the mind and body, the poems relate to the problems that we go through on our earth journey. Each one relates to healing pain, grief and when we feel lost the one that truly stand out for me is 'Tribute to Princess Diana' for at that time of her passing the whole world linked in peace for she was such a lovely caring person, however each poem have words that will relate to what is happing in life. I have had some remarkable feedback in the UK and have been told how it helps them to sleep relax and every one have said the same.



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THE THOM REED ENCOUNTER

This past year has not only been big for Thom Reed, but for the quaint east coast, Massachusetts towns of Sheffield and Great Barrington as well. A distant memory—though far from faded—of an otherworldly incident that took place on September 1, 1969 was rekindled, and given new life by being inducted into the Great Barrington Historical Society as a "true and significant event," making it the first 'off-world' case in the United States to ever gain such recognition. The story of what happened graced the front page of *The Boston Globe* in February 2015, and was picked up by mainstream outlets Channel 10 New York, KNOR 4 San Francisco, *The Washington Times*, *Chicago Tribune*, *L.A. Times*, Fox News and Canada AM.

Thom Reed is a Great Barrington native; a sleepy town, the kind that Norman Rockwell might have painted, nestled between the Taconic mountain range and the Housatonic River in the south-western corner of Massachusetts. The bizarre events that Reed and his family experienced around their farmhouse property when he was a boy, not only affected their lives forever, but, for one night in late summer of 1969, shook the entire town to its core.

Residents of not just Sheffield and Great Barrington, but those of Stockbridge and South Egremont inundated a live WSBS Radio broadcast with a storm of phone calls, reporting an object in the sky. Marian Burrows, Thom's grandmother, described it as a "floating strip mall." It was after leaving their family-owned 'Village on The Green' restaurant, driving through the Old Covered Bridge, when Nancy Reed, Thom, his brother Matthew and Marian witnessed an ascending object above the left side of their station wagon.

The account only gets stranger from there, as the Reed family recollects fragments of vibrating sensations, barometric pressure changes, the presence of non-human entities, dark rooms, bright, long hallways, crying out for each other, and subsequent missing time. The high strangeness they experienced, though, didn't start or stop on that Labor Day evening in 1969—nor did the judgment and stark confrontations at the family bistro. Nancy has recounted her family's encounters with similar phenomena as far back as 1954.

As stirring and historic in its scope as this event is, a monument was ceremoniously installed in the park next to the covered Sheffield Bridge—and blowback over its recent celebration from certain officials was, perhaps, inevitable. An article was recently published in the Berkshire Record, a local paper, which accused Thom Reed as going behind the back of his own home town and damaging public property to institute this 5,000 lb monument for personal gain.

Reed, however, did no such thing, and expressed the paper's stance was not only libellous, but teetered on malicious. The monument that was constructed in dedication of the event was the result of residents who gave testimony to the Great Barrington Historical Society, with a plaque recognizing the Reed family as key witnesses. It was a ceremony that would leave Reed nearly speechless, and who would devote the day to his father, politician, lawyer, professor, and pillar of the community Howard Reed Ph.D., who passed away suddenly and under questionable circumstances in 2006.

The article ran in the wake of the monument being defaced with graffiti to include an 'X' over the plaque and Thom's late father's tribute. We can ask ourselves how, in 2015, so many of us can be so fear-based and myopic? But when we remind ourselves of a ruthlessly divided nation, and overseas wars from which we're so far out of touch they may as well be irrelevant, then it's not hard to imagine resistance to the furtive multiverse that lies just beyond our everyday perception. Doing some digging, it seems that this "outpouring of opposition from town residents," as described in the article that ran in the column "Just the Facts," is really more an outpouring of opposition from a few of Sheffield's jaundiced, financial heavy hitters.

We seem to hear a lot from Sheffield's Historical Committee chair Dennis Sears, and not too much from anyone else. "We're very upset about it," he expressed. "It's a nice park; we don't need this kind of crap." It makes me wonder if by 'crap' he means local historicity, which of course we know he doesn't, as he also stated, "I'm absolutely incensed that it impinges upon one of our landmarks, the covered bridge." The covered bridge referenced is, technically, a recreation of the actual 1837 lattice bridge that was restored in 1974, and ultimately destroyed by a fire in 1994. A replica was erected in 1996.

In this sense, it seems to be more a personal aversion on Sears' part to, let's say, an uncanny event that was not only corroborated by eyewitness testimony, scientific inquiry, and the positive results of lie detector tests conducted at the Department of Defence Polygraph Institute, but was also given a classification by J. Allen Hynek during his Project Bluebook years, and was one of many presented at the United Nations Symposium in 1992. The objective of this Symposium was to introduce substantiated cases to motivate the U.N. to reconsider establishing an official agency or department for undertaking, coordinating and disseminating the results of research into unidentified flying objects. It was 14 years later to the day that Howard Reed died under mysterious circumstances.

In this light, quotes obtained by the *Record* from 'one man who declined to be identified,' such as, "This just makes us all look

like a bunch of wackadoodles," and Sears describing the monument itself as, "The junkiest piece of crap I've ever seen," all come off as rather insensitive, and—at their worst—ignorant. This should be about the history of the town, and the subsequent scientific implications surrounding it, and less about Sears' sensibilities regarding the park's aesthetic (and whether 'this' historical landmark is more important than 'that' historical landmark).

While it's understandable, even reasonable, to be cynical or reluctant about such an extraordinary local account (with global effects), the fact of the matter is that credit is due where credit is due. The old 20th century epoch of 'Ufology vs. Conventional Science' needs to end now. We need a new lexicon for a new paradigm, which is what we are in. As parapsychologist Dr. Barry Taff says, "Paranormal is a misnomer. It's simply normal." Bearing witness to such an event, however inexplicable, hardly makes Sheffield a pariah. Though stigmatised, even some shallow digging reveals this phenomenon is more normal than we'd care to think, and has become entwined in our socio-political culture.

We still hear of the 1969 Apollo 11 crew who witnessed a strange light on their way to the moon. Astronaut Edgar Mitchell, who received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, continues to be open about life outside our paradigm. The list of astronauts who have gone public and/or been witness to seeing anomalous objects include Scott Carpenter, James Lovell, Frank Borman, Leroy Chico, Jane Oberg, Neil Armstrong, and Buzz Aldrin. The D.I.A. report recounting the 1976 Tehran UFO incident when two F-4 Phantom II fighter jets intercepted an object on September 19th, and were unable to fire their AIM-9 missile or use their instrumentation.

Defence via their spokesman E. Averoff Tostitos informed the NATO's General Staff in Brussels that UFO'S operation are a potential danger and urged emergency measures.

The 1997 Phoenix Lights had been witnessed firsthand by the former Governor of Arizona, Fife Symington, who later disclosed his sighting in a CNN article, and expressed regret at having made light of it during the press conference that followed.

President Jimmy Carter's UFO sighting, while running for Governor of Atlanta, was also in 1969, and also observed by several other eyewitnesses. Finally, there's the testimony of one of Massachusetts' own, astronaut Story Musgrave, who grew up just minutes from the Reed home in Great Barrington, and who has been outspoken about seeing unexplainable objects during his missions—though he generally doesn't attribute them to alien spacecraft. Musgrave and Thom have often lectured together at some of the more fact based venues.

These are only a few examples, while more about our universe is getting revealed every day. Just recently, NASA identified Earth's closest cousin, Kepler-186f, a planet that orbits its star in "habitable zone; proof of running water on Mars, and even the detection of an anomalous star had the internet buzzing. Though it hasn't been determined who exactly defaced the Sheffield UFO monument, these condescending cracks at an event that is, in fact, *reinforced* by residents is an affront to the community's integrity. There is a responsibility, and, to a dedicated few, a commitment to our local histories.

Conceivably, some reckless narration coupled with sensationalized television has clouded and complicated what most may identify as the web of events associated with this 1969 event. Also lost in the more sensationalized reporting were some noteworthy details, such as who the Reeds really are—a family of professionals, lawyers, business owners and politicians.

Marian was governess to the grandchildren of FDR. Nancy was a horse breeder and the voice of WKZE FM. A proclamation was issued to Howard Reed by the Mayor for his distinguished contributions in education. A city bench was even dedicated in the Reeds' honour. Thom grew up and went on from the quaint Berkshires of Western Massachusetts to found a modelling agency (MIAMI MODELS) in South Beach, Florida, that flourished in the 90s. In fact, it was his unique experiences as a child that got him interested in photography in the first place. "I told myself that if I ever saw something like that again, I would get it on camera," he explained to me, "so I carried one around with me everywhere I went."

Thom Reed's impending, tell-all book, which will be split into three sections, will shed some light on these details, and then some. With more of the minutiae surrounding the 1969 event out in the open, we have a better understanding. "Moving forward," Reed expressed, "I hope we once again come together as a community, because community is what New Englanders really stand for..."

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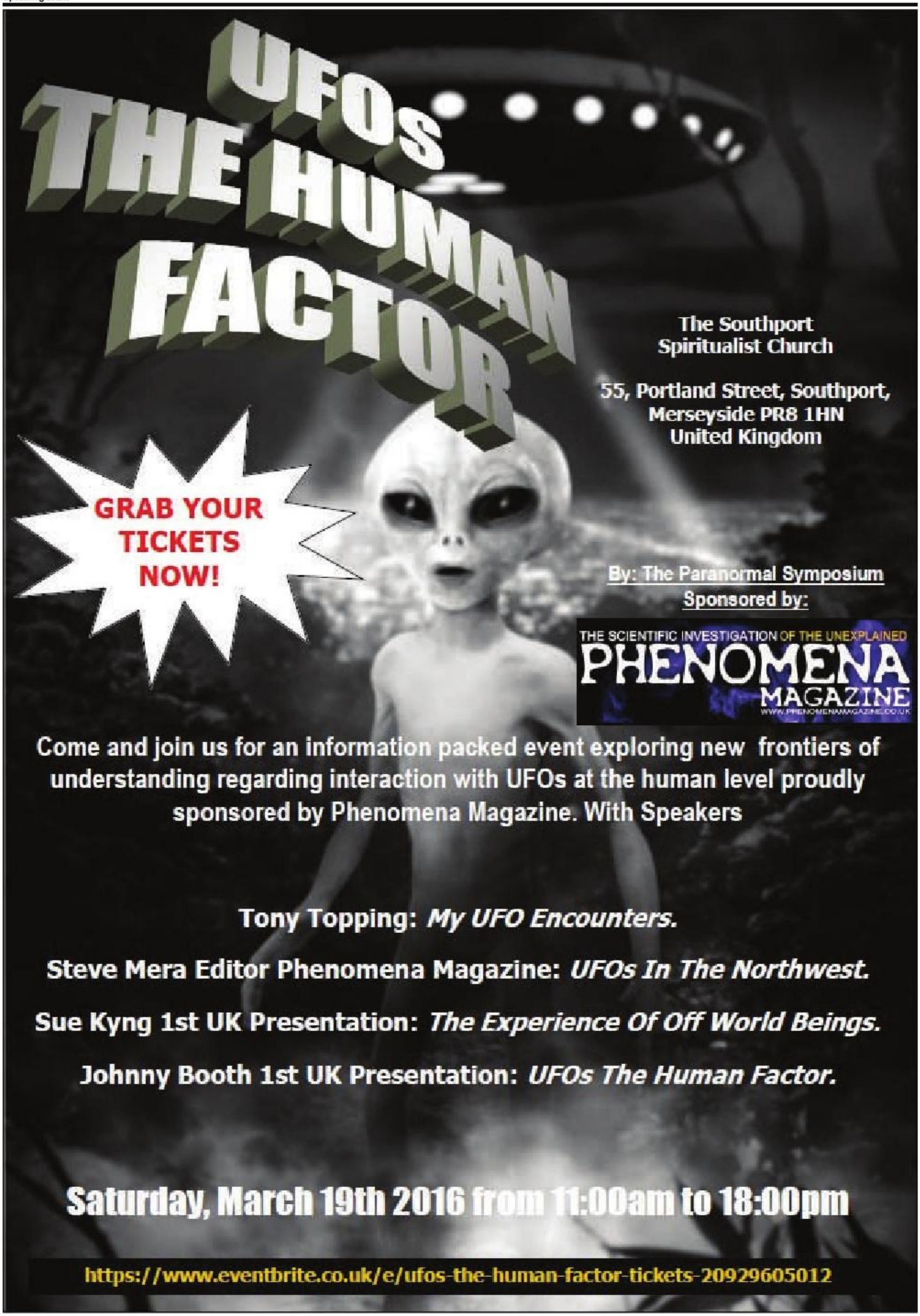
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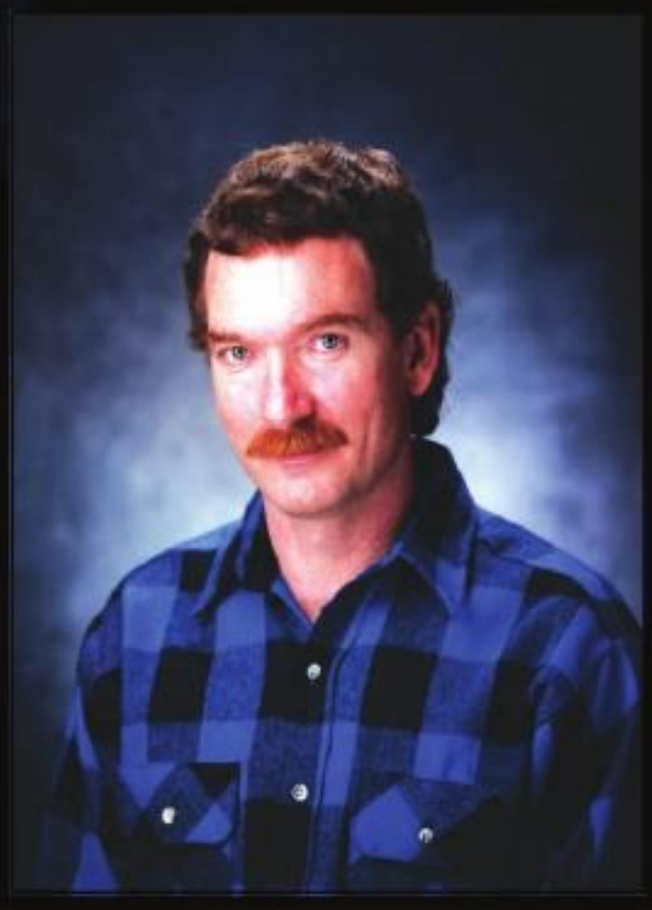

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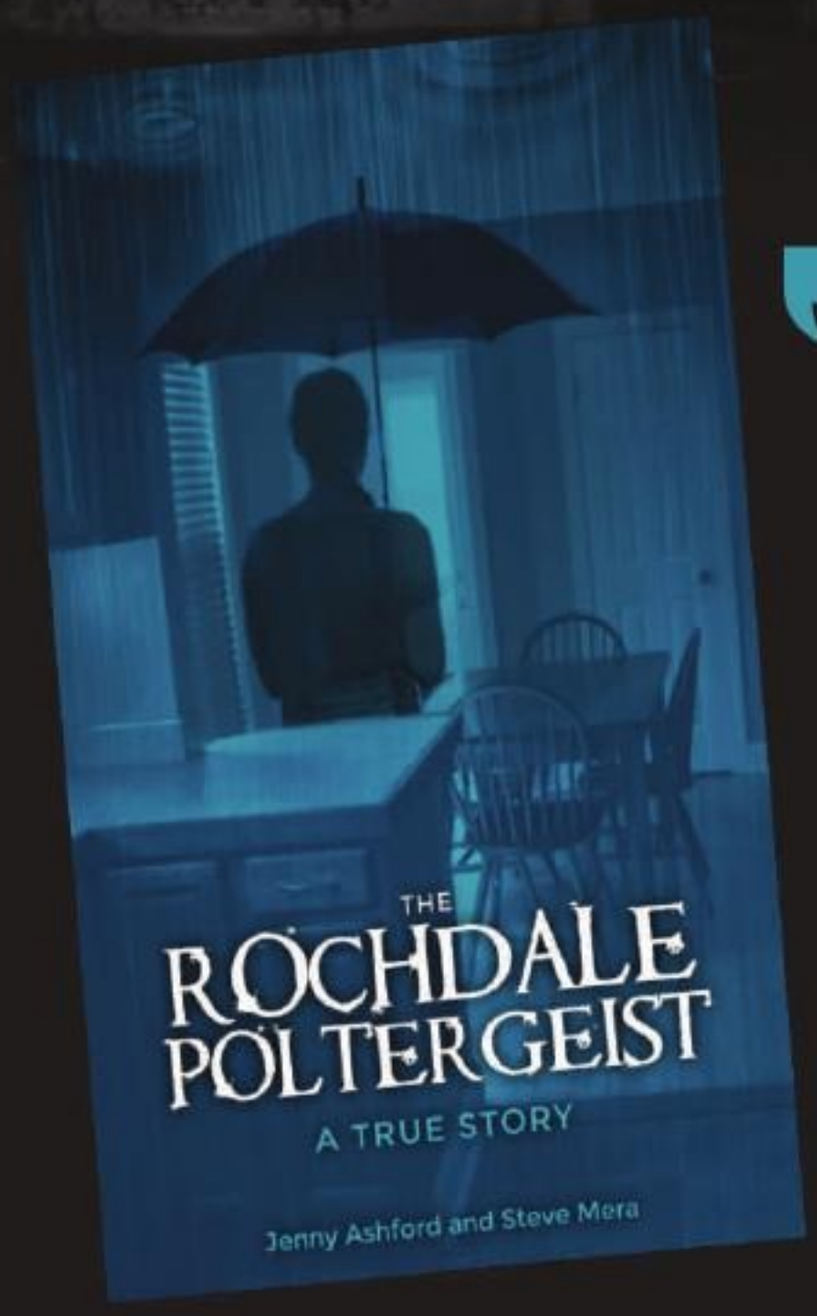

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Stephen Mera BSc. is the UK Consultant for PSI Applications U.S., founder of *Phenomena Magazine*, and chairman of Manchester's Association of Paranormal Investigation & Training (MAPIT). He is the author of three other books, *A-Z of the Unknown*, *Strange Happenings*, and *Paranormal Insight*. He is a TV and radio host, freelance journalist, lecturer and head tutor of the British Investigators Training Course. He has appeared on over 90 TV shows and series, over 100 radio stations, and has published articles in over 300 publications internationally.

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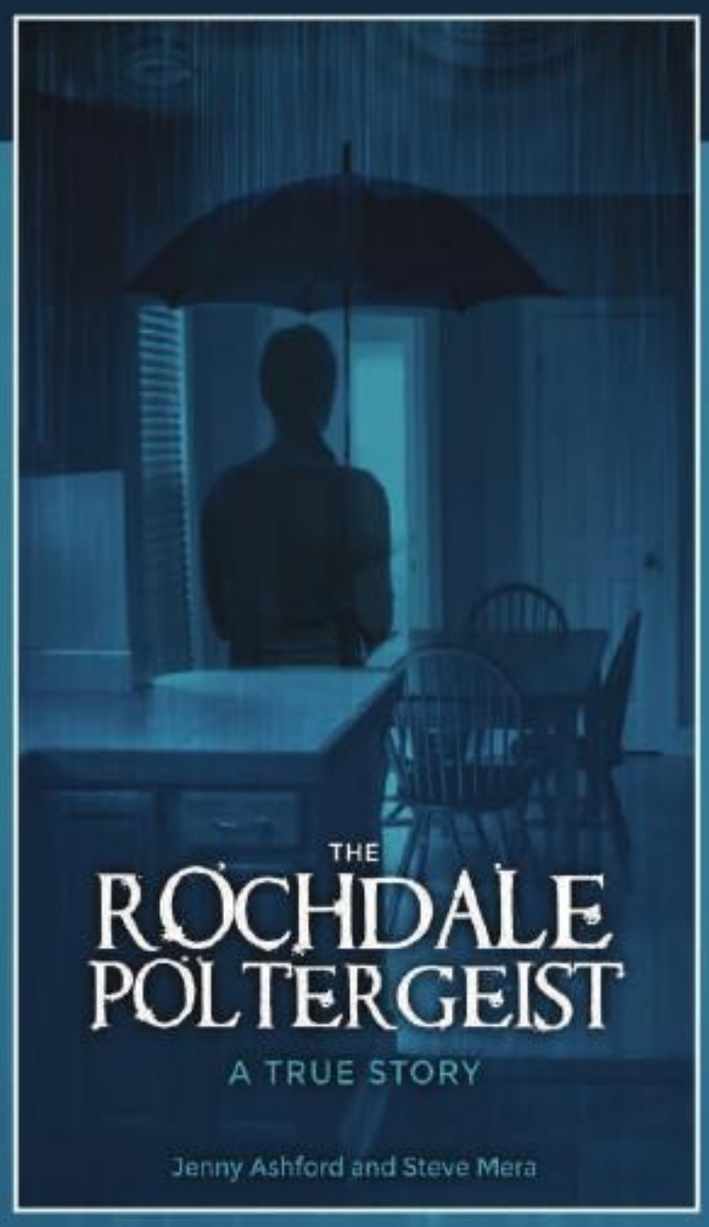

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Samlesbury Hall, Lancashire

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Samlesbury Hall is a medieval house that dates back to the 14th century and has been reported to be haunted by the ghost of Lady Dorothy Southworth who fell in love with the son of the neighbouring Protestant noble family. Despite the families refusing to let the young lovers meet, they continued to do so in secret and planned to elope. However, on the night of the escape Dorothy's brother killed her lover. Dorothy is said to have gone insane before dying at a convent abroad. A further grisly fact is that three human skeletons were found hidden in the walls of Samlesbury. It has been investigated twice by *Most Haunted*, once in 2004 and once in 2009. It's also appeared on an episode of *Ghost Hunters International* where a number of ghosts were supposedly caught on camera.

Berry Pomeroy Castle, Devon

ACCESSIBILITY TO INVESTIGATE

Berry Pomeroy Castle is known for being a picturesque castle in an even more picturesque town, but the pretty façade hides a sinister secret – the castle is reported as being one of the most haunted castles in Britain. Two female ghosts, the White Lady and the Blue Lady are said to haunt the premises. The Blue Lady is said to haunt the tower, luring passers-by to her aid and if they help her, it is said that they fall to their death. The White Lady is said to haunt the dungeons.

Woodchester Mansion, Gloucestershire

ACCESSIBILITY TO INVESTIGATE

Woodchester Mansion is an unfinished Gothic revival mansion in Gloucestershire. Whilst it looks complete from the outside, inside, several rooms, lots of plaster and whole floors are missing. Over the years it has gained a reputation as a haunted location and several paranormal sightings have been reported, including that of a phantom horseman known as "The Tall Man of the Chapel" and a ghost in the cellar. Some visitors to the mansion claim to have been attacked by ghosts and others have collapsed, whilst women who have been to the bathroom have reported seeing a floating head. The ghost of a little girl and the ghost of an old woman have also been spotted at the site.

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Elvey Farm, Kent

ACCESSIBILITY TO INVESTIGATE

Often described as the most haunted village in Britain, Pluckley, near Ashford in Kent, is said to be haunted by at least a dozen ghosts. Ghoulish attractions include "Fright Corner", where a highwayman met his untimely death, and the Screaming Woods, where it is rumoured you can still hear the chilling cries of the dead. The village gets hordes of ghost-hunters that flock there every Halloween where the majority of visitors stay at Elvey Farm. Ghosts who are said to haunt the farm, which is now a hotel, include that of a man in military uniform who stands on the stairs that lead up to the attic.

Athelhampton House, Dorset

ACCESSIBILITY TO INVESTIGATE

Athelhampton House is located in Dorset and is thought to be one of the most haunted places in the county. A pair of duelists supposedly haunt the Great Chamber, where they once disturbed a female guest by fighting. Tapping sounds have been heard coming from the wine cellar, whilst the ghost of the Grey Lady has been seen around the house on numerous occasions. The padding sound of a phantom cat's feet has also been heard on the bare floorboards around the house.

Chillingham Castle, Northumberland

ACCESSIBILITY TO INVESTIGATE

Chillingham Castle dates back to the 12th century and has its fair share of chilling tales and encounters. It holds frequent ghost tours to allow visitors to spot some of the castle's other-worldly inhabitants, including that of a blue boy, a tortured child, the ghost of Lady Mary Berkeley and a spooky Royal procession. The castle saw a record 8 executions and the ghosts of the executed are thought to still haunt the castle today.

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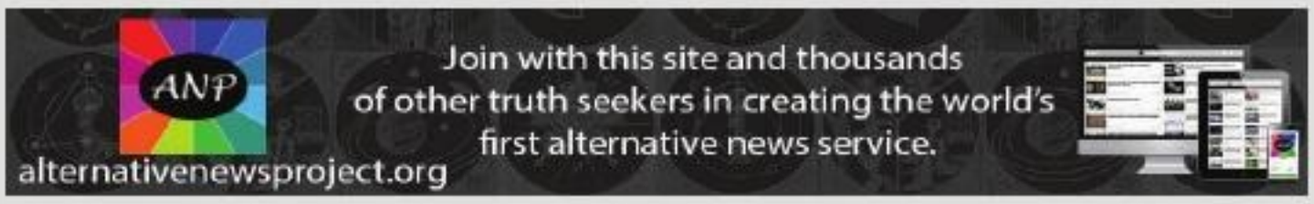
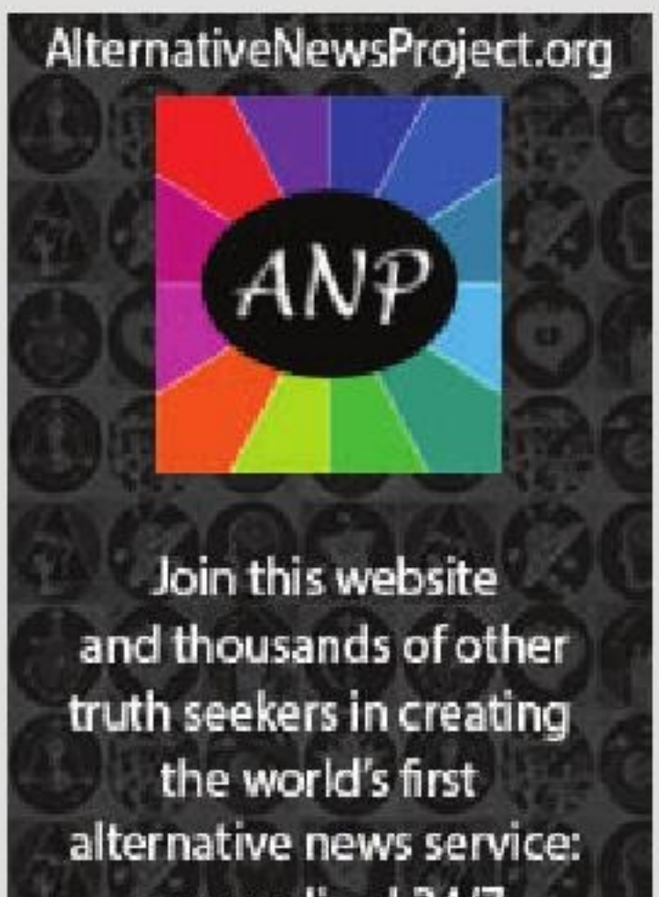
It is fair to say, in this day and age, that the disconnect between mainstream media "reality" and what is really going on is getting to the point where many people in society are not being told the full story—about almost everything and anything. In geopolitics, we see media organisations such as Al Jazeera willing to totally fabricate events and broadcast them via BBC, CNN, ABC and other licensees. In what is needlessly called "alternative health", we see the might of transnational drug companies steering government health policies as well as affecting personal sovereignty in the form of forced vaccinations, freedom of choice in the treatment of serious disease, and the right to be able to purchase health products of our choosing.



In explorations of "fringe sciences", including subjects such as the Expanding Earth theory or the Electric Universe theory, we see the unexplained anomalies regarding energy, gravity, electricity and biology, being ignored, suppressed or ridiculed. I believe that it is in the open-minded exploration of such anomalies, that we actually further our scientific understanding of our universe. In discussion of consciousness and the paranormal, we again see mainstream media reporting distorted versions of events, misreporting factual data, not reporting it at all, and again, outright ridicule (snigger factor).

The fact of the matter is that people want to know more about who we are as spiritual beings, about the role of consciousness in determining how we experience life, and the role our inherent beliefs have on how we live and treat other people. I believe that the vast majority of people on this planet want to live in peace and harmony with each other, and I also believe that there are forces at work, including the military-intelligence-industrial complex, that desire and profit from manufactured conflict. We live in an era where a growing number of people are stepping up to blow the whistle on illegal and suppressed information. Information they believe is in everyone's interests to be made public. Unfortunately, despite the assurances of protection to whistleblowers from world leaders, we actually see the opposite—the suppression and persecution of such people.



And finally, we live on a planet where the way in which we live is dramatically affecting the entire ecosystem. Measurable levels of chemicals are found in the air over the entire planet—in the groundwater of every continent, and in the oceans everywhere. Why is it noble to focus on CO2 and energy saving, while ignoring the death, disease and destruction of our habitat and life forms, including our own? I have created the Alternative News Project (ANP), not as a vehicle to fight the current mainstream manufactured reality, but instead to provide a vehicle for like-minded, independent thinkers, to help create something new. Something better. Instead of endless searches on the Internet, we will bring you the news, every day, right across the spectrum of hundreds of non-mainstream news Topics. We have called it a Project, as it is not just about information—it is about the building of a global community through the distribution of information. The ANP is the first time that independent thinkers of the world (i.e. you) have a centralised location not only to see more of what is going on in your world than ever before, but where you also have the opportunity to send alternative news and information from anywhere across the globe. You are the real key to our project, because by receiving information you can inform others and by contributing your knowledge to us, we can broaden our scope of services around the globe. As such, the ANP is designed to be a community-based interactive news and information project by the people for the people.

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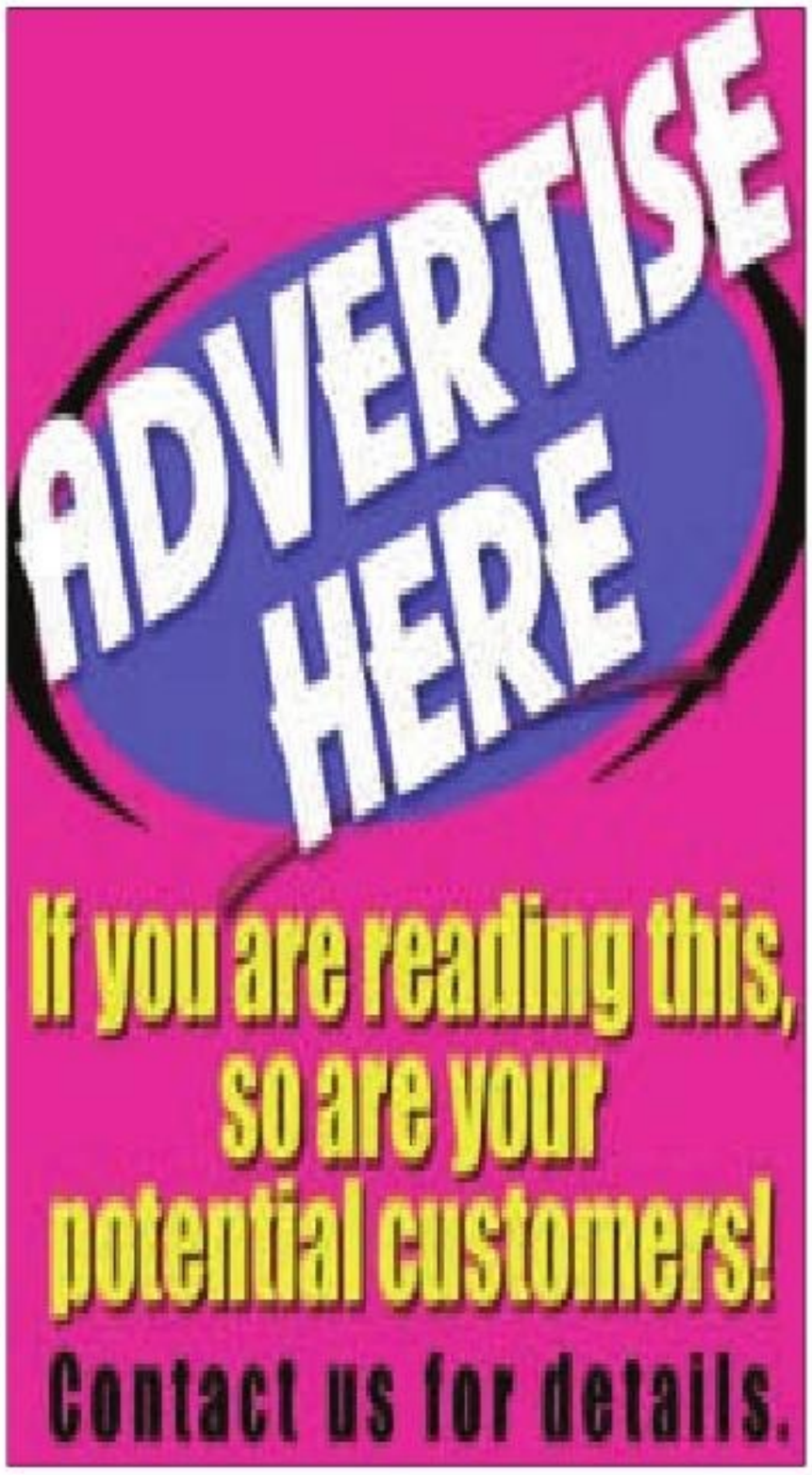

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Is there a massive underwater UFO base in Guantanamo Bay? Conspiracy theorists claim Marine saw secret craft 'virtually every night'

By Stacy Liberatore For Dailymail.com

UFOs were seen flying in and out of 'a major underwater alien base' near Guantanamo Bay almost 50 years ago, according to bizarre claims of a former US Marine. The ex-Marine has come forward to reveal what he and his comrades experienced in 1968 to 1969 while station at the Guantanamo Bay Naval base. Although the dates he put down 'are a shot in the dark', he recalls 'heavy UFO traffic over and around the base' that were '50 feet to 100 feet across'.

The interview was published by the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), which is said to be the 'largest UFO sightings documenting and investigation organization in the world', reports the Inquisitr. The interview describes many nights of sightings that he and his fellow soldiers witnessed and although they talked about the activity on base they were forbidden to discuss it in public. 'All of us Marines were amazed at the amount of UFO activity over and around this base,' the witness said. 'Virtually every night UFOs were flying overhead with altitudes of less than 300 feet.' The Marine, whose name remains anonymous, was given orders to monitor the fence line when he spotted the Martian vehicles.

He described the UFOs being about 50 feet to 100 feet cross, but were not the flashy saucers shown in the movies. 'Most of these UFOs were approximately 50 to 100 feet across, but to the naked eye came off as a dull, hazy hull with a small red light trailing behind it,' he said.

'When I stood guard duty on the south side of the base, I witnessed on many, many nights UFOs landing and taking off out of the ocean.'

'There were large blue lights moving around after their landing in the ocean and then slowly dimming down as they obviously descended deeper.' While monitoring his post, he witnessed several UFOs flying around the area night after night – 'landing and taking off out of the ocean', he explained to investigators. After watching the ships take off and land, he assumed there had to be a major underwater UFO base in the Guantanamo Bay. The witness recalled one event that he said was 'most exciting', which he observed while standing guard at the main gate of the base, reports Open Minds. Around 7 pm, the former Marine stepped out of the guardhouse, looked over the fence at an empty guardhouse on the other side of the base and saw an enormous white cloud with blue flashing lights near the ground.

'It was approximately 7p.m. (dark) when I stepped out of the guard shack and looked across the fence at the deserted Cuban guard house when something caught my eye,' the former Marine said. 'Behind the Cuban guard shack near the ground was a huge white cloud with a blue/white, baby blue pulsating light in the middle of it.' Bewildered by the sighting, he asked of his comrades what they were seeing as it passed over the shack in their direction. He remembers seeing the UFO that looked like a 'big beautiful cloud with a blue and white pulsating light' quietly hovering over their heads. A few minutes later the silence was broken by someone yelling 'get the hell out of there'. A sergeant was yelling from the observation tower, ordering them to vacate the area. The Marine and other soldier walked towards the barracks just 200 feet away, which allowed them to observe the action from a safe distance. They saw Intelligence officers pull up to the scene with what looked like a film crew that recorded the alien vehicle while it hovered for about three hours before shooting off into the west. 'The UFO travelled about quarter of a mile, stopped for a moment, then like a bullet, shot straight up in the air until it disappeared,' he said. 'I would love to go back there just to see if the UFOs are still showing up.'

'The dates that I have put down is a shot in the dark because that was 50 years ago.' Last year, a former Nasa employee came forward about the agency covering up a series of UFO sightings that they code named 'Santa Claus'. Donna Hare claims she was told by numerous sources, which she does not name, about three UFOs that landed shortly after one of the moon landings and Nasa airbrushing UFOs out of satellite pictures, reportedExpress.

WHAT HAPPENED DURING ONE OF THE MANY UFO SIGHTINGS?

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Whistleblower about to 'lift lid on 1000s of UFO files' is GENUINE, says ex-MoD man

By Jon Austin

A FORMER US Naval officer who claims his secrecy agreement with the American Government has expired is vowing to lift the lid on thousands of top-secret UFO files he claims to have seen. The man, who says he was a third-class petty officer at the Naval Telecommunications Center within NAS Moffett Field from February 1986 to October 1989, also claims he can shed light on the mysterious mass-UFO sighting involving military personal in 1980. He has yet to be named, but a former British MoD UFO investigator confirmed to Express.co.uk the man is a genuine source, creating a flurry of excitement within the UFO disclosure community. Nick Pope, who was charged by the MoD with investigating baffling UK UFO cases, including the Rendlesham incident, said: "I've actually had some personal communication with this individual, and have no doubts about his background.

"It's clear from the language he uses and the information he has that he's a genuine insider." But Mr Pope stopped short of encouraging the whistleblower to come out into the open. He added: "While my own secrecy oath means I can't encourage anyone to divulge classified information without proper authority, I'm obviously very interested in his story. "As I conducted the MoD's cold case review of the Rendlesham Forest incident I'm particularly keen to hear about anything that would shed new light on this case." The Rendlesham legend has been dubbed Britain's Roswell after the mystery UFO crash said to have happened outside the town in New Mexico, USA, in July 1947. The UK alien sighting happened when three US officers based at RAF Bentwaters claimed a "triangular shaped craft" landed in neighbouring woods in the early hours of December 26 1980. It has led to several reported sightings on the night by the public and several books and conspiracies. The man, who has not been publicly named, is claiming the US National Security Agency (NSA) and the UK Government had a project looking at UFO sightings, including Rendlesham in the 1980s. He has filed a report to the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) - the world's biggest official alien investigation organisation based in the US, saying he wants to help reach "disclosure". The disclosure movement among the UFO fraternity, is calling for all world Governments to make public all their top secret files on UFO and flying saucer visitations. In the report filed on Saturday he said: "I'm not reporting a UFO sighting rather a UFO related experience. "I have copies of my security clearances. "I personally handled, viewed and delivered thousands of documents involving UFO/ET Projects. "My secrecy agreement with the US Government expired in October 2014. "At this point in my life I would like to share my knowledge in hopes that someone will be able to use it effectively towards disclosure." He said he was given TS SBI/ESI NATO/SIOP Compartmental Security Clearance, which is Top Secret clearance for working in Special Background Investigation, Single Integrated Operation Plan, Exceptionally Sensitive Information and with NATO. He added: "In addition we had a GS11 employee who was transferred from a Joint US/UK communication station north of London after working at that site for a dozen years. "He said it was an National Security Agency (NSA)/UK facility tasked with tracking UFO including Rendalsham Forest Incident. "He said that UFO/ET were real and that hopefully disclosure would happen in my lifetime since he was in his early 60s at the time." In the report he said: "I was required to deliver TS Code word designation COSMIC to SRI, ESL/SYLVANIA, LOCKHEED SKUNKWORKS, TRW, RATHEON, BERKELEY LABS, LAWRENCE LIVERMORE LABS, and other think tanks throughout Silicon valley." Research shows that at the time in question, Moffett Field was a naval air base, but is now a MFA as a restricted federal airfield, run by NASA. The Lockheed Martin Skunkworks is a global security and aerospace company based in Bethesda, Maryland. The Berkeley and Lawrence Livermore laboratories and scientific labs which work closely with NASA in California. Spelt differently, Raytheon Company is a global technology and innovation firm specialising in defence and cybersecurity. Roger Marsh, MUFON spokesman, said: "This historical case has been assigned to a field investigator within the Californian MUFON group."

Aliens may be in their 'very young' stage: Life on distant planets hasn't been found because it has yet to evolve, says scientist

By Ellie Zolfagharifard For Dailymail.com

If advanced alien life exists in our universe, it's likely to be at the 'very young' stage. This is according to Harvard astronomer, Dimitar Sasselov, who came up with the theory to explain something known as the 'Fermi Paradox'. The paradox refers to the fact that there are billions of galaxies in the observable universe, each with up to a trillion stars, and perhaps trillions of habitable planets. But, despite such worlds being so abundant, and life on Earth has been able to thrive, we've still been unable to find aliens. Sasselov, however, says that doesn't mean they don't exist – they just haven't evolved yet. The 200 billion galaxies in the observable universe show potential to continue on as we see them today for hundreds of billions of years, he says, according to the Daily Galaxy. And because planets and life are young in our universe, Sasselov suggests 'the human species are not late comers to the party. We may be among the early ones.' In his book, 'The Life of Super-Earths', the Harvard professor claims galaxies only had environments stable enough to have planets nine billion years ago. He calculates that rocky Earth-like planets and larger super-Earths only began forming 7 to 8 billion years ago. Heavy elements were available for the complex chemistry needed for life to emerge between 7 and 9 billion years ago, he adds. As a result life had to wait until that time if not later to begin its emergence throughout the universe. He concludes the Fermi's Paradox 'holds true only if the timescale for the emergence of life is much shorter than the age of the universe, but not so if the two are comparable.'

Nasa seems to agree with Sasselov, and claims we will find alien life in 10 to 20 years - albeit in microbe form. During a talk in Washington last year, the space agency announced that humanity is likely to encounter extra-terrestrials within a decade. 'I believe we are going to have strong indications of life beyond Earth in the next decade and definitive evidence in the next 10 to 20 years,' Ellen Stofan, chief scientist for Nasa, said. 'We know where to look, we know how to look, and in most cases we have the technology.' Jeffery Newmark, interim director of heliophysics at the agency, added: 'It's definitely not an if, it's a when.' 'We are not talking about little green men,' Stofan said. 'We are talking about little microbes.' The announcement was prompted by the recent discovery of water by Nasa in surprising places. Jim Green, director of planetary science at Nasa, noted that a recent study of the Martian atmosphere found 50 per cent of the planet's northern hemisphere once had oceans a mile deep. And in September, the possibility of finding life on Mars came step closer after Nasa announced a 'major scientific discovery' of flowing water on the red planet. The agency confirmed that 'dark fingers' spotted in Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter (MRO) images are likely made by liquid moving across, or beneath, the planet's surface. Nasa associate administrator John Grunsfeld said he is excited about seeing what form life beyond Earth may take. 'Once we get beyond Mars, which formed from the same stuff as Earth, the likelihood that life is similar to what we find on this planet is very low,' he said. 'I think we're one generation away in our solar system, whether it's on an icy moon or on Mars, and one generation [away] on a planet around a nearby star. Scientists using the Hubble recently provided powerful evidence that Jupiter's moon Ganymede has a saltwater, sub-surface ocean, likely sandwiched between two layers of ice. Jupiter's moon Europa and Saturn's satellite Enceladus are also thought to have an ocean of liquid water beneath their surface in contact with mineral-rich rock. This, according to Nasa, means they may have the three ingredients needed for life as we know it. 'The science community is making enormous progress,' said Green. 'And I've told my team I'm planning to be the director of planetary science when we discover life in the solar system. At the same conference last year, Nasa Administrator Charles Bolden made a more conservative estimate. He claimed that we will find life within the next 20 years - with a high chance it will be outside our solar system. Nasa next Mars rover, scheduled to launch in 2020, will search for signs of past life and bring samples for a possible return to Earth for analysis. Nasa also hopes to land astronauts on Mars in the 2030s, which Stofan says is crucial key to the search for Mars life.

The truth is up there: Spooky dashcam footage shows a 'UFO' hovering over a busy Scottish motorway

By Ben Tufft

A shocked motorist has captured the lights from an apparent UFO on his dashcam. The video of the lights moving along the road was taken while the man was driving on the M8, close to Edinburgh. The bright lights appear to circle above the the Hermiston Gait roundabout before disappearing. Lee Frame, 32,who filmed the incident said he was certain what he saw was not a plane and told the Sun: 'The lights did not seem to be moving- they just seemed to be sat in the sky. 'I think it could have been a UFO. I just could not believe what I was seeing.' It comes after a spate of UFO sightings, including one earlier this month in Perthshire. John Macdonald, 65, from Dysart, Fife, is convinced he saw a spaceship above him and said it was only around 50 to 70 yards away from him. The pensioner claimed the aircraft hovered near his home for a few minutes

Before vanishing. Last month Fiona Powell, 41, from Bristol, said she had

photographed a UFO when she was walking her children with friends along the promenade on Severn Beach, Bristol. On closer inspection of the photo, the corner of pictured what appeared to be a flying saucer. Ms Powell said that before the incident she had been slightly dubious about the existence of extra-terrestrials, but that this close encounter was now giving her pause for thought.

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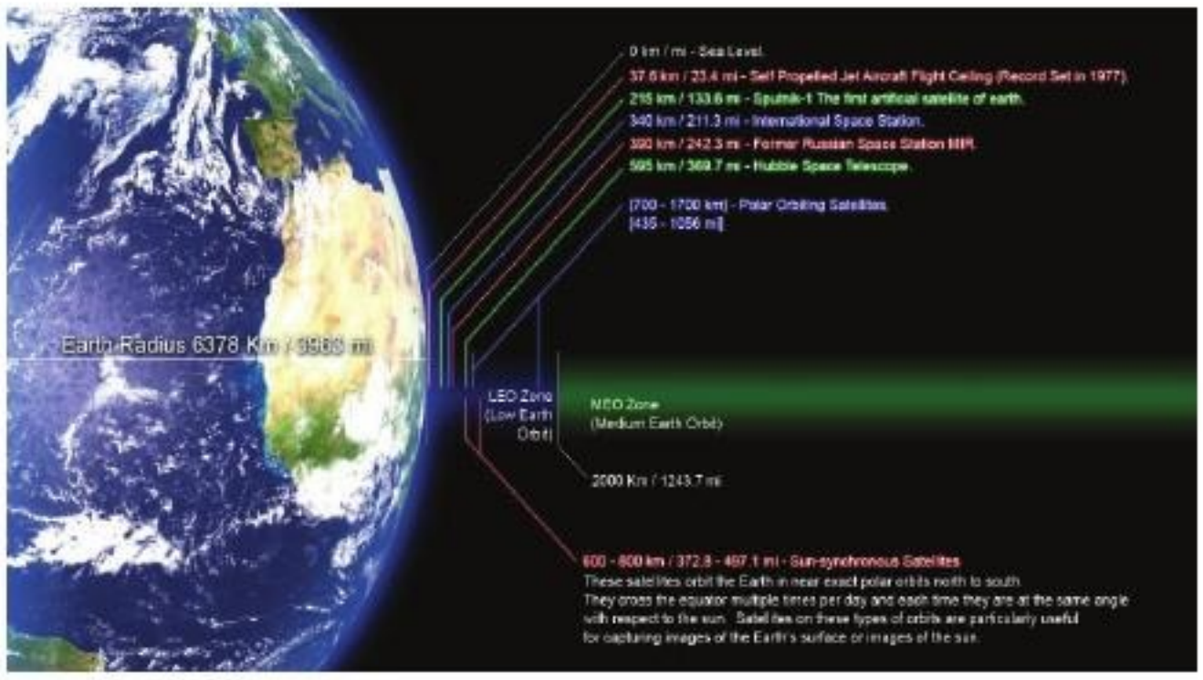


By ParanormalNews.com

What could the general public learn if they could afford their own satellite? That is what the CubeSat For Disclosure team wants to find out through their Kickstarter project. Given enough funding, they hope to launch the very first satellite into Low Earth Orbit dedicated exclusively to UFO research and give the data back to the community. Low Earth Orbit is between 160 kilometers and 2,000 kilometers above the surface of the planet. It's considered to be the simplest and cheapest location for satellite placement, providing both high bandwidth and low communication lag time. The problem, generally, is that a LEO satellite is not visible at all times, but there are ways around that limitation. Before you cough out all the reasons why no one would pay for it, realize that a CubeSat is orders of magnitude cheaper than a commercial satellite. It's basically a miniature satellite (10cm x 10cm x 10cm) with a mass less than 1.33 Kilograms that uses off the shelf hardware. The specifications for CubeSats were designed by Stanford University and California Polytechnic State University in 1998. By 2014, most CubeSat launches were for commercial or amateur purposes. Noting the falling prices and tapping into their own ingenuity, the CubeSat For Disclosure Team decided it was the perfect technology to build for their own UFO research and to contribute back to the community who generally believe that they are being deceived—or at least not being told the full story.

Once built, the team will utilize a launching company to actually get the CubeSat up in orbit. Whether that be Interorbital Systems or SpaceX or somebody else is currently undecided and depends on availability and how much they can bring in from their money-raising campaign. The more money they raise, the higher orbit they will be able to maintain and the longer the CubeSat will function. Their current model consists of three sensors: an ionized radiation detector, two parabolic cameras, and a radar. The ionized radiation detector would enable the team to analyze localized radiation for the detection of high energy particles, radiation, and other phenomenon. The two cameras would have parabolic lenses, giving a 360 degree view around the satellite. The radar portion of the satellite might happen (depends on funding), but if they can do it, it would provide one of the first radars in space. The team is pretty certain that they could get at least 2 to 3 months of usage out of the device before it burns, but if they raise enough and go through SpaceX, they would achieve a higher orbit (at a higher cost), allowing the CubeSat to stay up, potentially, for an entire year, or more. "It is Solar powered and has a nice set of batteries so when we are behind the earth, we will be covered until we re-emerge in sunlight," the Project Coordinator, David Shock, stated. "One orbit is every 90 minutes. Life span would cover as long as we are up, so we don't have to worry about the batteries dying out. We will not have a problem with communications for the whole mission, even if it is a year." "The satellite is already being built. Dave Cote had an Indiegogo campaign in December and raised over $16,000 and had another donation after it and has $26,000 going into it now," Shock explained. "We just need more for a good launch and more science gear." The way it's currently being designed is it will send back frequent thumbnail images until there is some kind of hit based on one of the sensors, in which case it will send back HD footage. Transmission of data is expensive, so they have to be careful as to when and how the data gets retrieved. When asked about whether anyone had tried to stop the project, he laughed, "So far, we have not had any government try to stop us or even contact us. SO FAR." So if you want to get involved and have instant access to the data yourself and even control the cameras to check out earth's curvature (or lack thereof), use the below link. The deadline is March 11th.

Modern astronomy evolved in Babylon?

By Kenneth Chang

For people living in the ancient Babylon, Marduk was their patron god, and thus it is not a surprise that Babylonian astronomers took an interest in tracking the comings and goings of the planet Jupiter, which they regarded as a celestial manifestation of Marduk. What is perhaps more surprising is the sophistication with which they tracked the planet, judging from inscriptions on a small clay tablet dating to between 350 BC and 50 BC. The tablet, a couple of inches wide and a couple of inches tall, reveals that the Babylonian astronomers employed a sort of precalculus in describing Jupiter's motion across the night sky relative to the distant background stars. Until now, credit for this kind of mathematical technique had gone to Europeans who lived some 15 centuries later. "That is a truly astonishing find," said Mathieu Ossendrijver, a professor at Humboldt University in Berlin, who describes his archaeological astronomy discovery in an article on Thursday in the journal Science. "It's a figure that describes a graph of velocity against time," he said. "That is a highly modern concept." Mathematical calculations on four other tablets show that the Babylonians realised that the area under the curve on such a graph represented the distance travelled. Ancient Babylon, situated in what is now Iraq, south of Baghdad, was a thriving metropolis, a centre of trade and science. Early Babylonian mathematicians who lived

Inscriptions on a clay tablet dating to between 350 BC and 50 BC reveal Babylonians employed a sort of precalc... Read More

between 1800 BC and 1600 BC had figured out, for example, how to calculate the area of a trapezoid, and even how to divide a trapezoid into two smaller trapezoids of equal area. For the most part, Babylonians used their mathematical skills for mundane calculations. On some tablets from the later Babylonian period, there appear to be some trapezoid calculations related to astronomical observations. In the 1950s, an Austrian-American mathematician and science historian, Otto E Neugebauer, described two of them. Ossendrijver, in his recent research, turned up two more. Ossendrijver said he did not know the astronomical or astrological motivation for these calculations. He said until now, such calculations were not known until the 14th century by scholars in England and France.

This bizarre photo has paranormal investigators CONVINCED time travel has already happened

By Jon Austin

The ancient Greek funerary relief sculpture from about 100BC, shows a young attendant girl holding an object that appears to be open at a right angle for a distinguished looking woman to view. It is kept in the J Paul Getty Museum, in Malibu, California, USA, where experts describe the object as a shallow chest. But after people began posting snaps of the sculpture on social media, claims came thick and fast that the object was a modern-day laptop, somehow transported back to ancient Greece from the future. YouTube conspiracy theory channel StillSpeakingOut uploaded a video on the sculpture entitled 'Ancient Greek sculpture depicting a laptop?' The video narration said the sculpture: "depicts an astonishing object which bears a striking resemblance with a modern laptop or some hand-held device. "In another picture taken by a random tourist from a better angle we can see that the object is wide with a structure too narrow to be a jewel box and it does not match the depictions of the mythical Pandora's Box.

"I am not saying that this relief is depicting an ancient laptop computer, but when I look at the sculpture and think about Greek tales about the Oracle of Delphe, which was supposed to allow the priests to connect with the gods and retrieve advanced information of various aspects, I can't help but thinking that Erich von Däniken has been right all this time and that most of these myths of magical artefacts given by the gods to a very restricted group of individuals in ancient civilisations were high-tech devices similar to what we have today." Mr von Däniken is a Swiss author of several pseudoscientific books which claim early civilisations were visited and aided by advanced aliens from another dimension which helped them build such amazing buildings such as the Egyptian pyramids. Conspiracists insist the object in the sculpture is too think to be a wax tablet - a folding wooden device coated in wax, with which a stylus was used to write on.

They also said that the figure was not holding a stylus and appeared to instead be using it like a touch screen notepad or laptop of today. The two holes visible in the bottom half of the object have also been suggested as USB or cable ports for the modern-day device. But sceptics have laughed off the suggestion as ludicrous, explaining that wax tablets, complete with the stylus have appeared in other Roman art. An image by vase painter Douris from around 500 BC shows a seated man holding what looks like a laptop, but with a stylus hovering over it.

Conspiracy theorists keen to find evidence of time travel have unearthed many pictures and videos that appear to show modern day objects in historic settings such as women in the 1920s appearing to talk on mobile phones.

However, convincing explanations as to why they were not modern devices have come forward. Others such as a minature modern watch allegedly found inside an ancient Chinese tomb, and more recently a clay mobile phone covered in ancient writing that was allegedly found during an archaeological did ended up being exposed as hoaxes. One person who saw the video posted under the user name EmperorPangulo: "Time travelling person showing our future technology to noble people - holy mother time travel proves real." But others blasted it is just a wax tablet or chest.

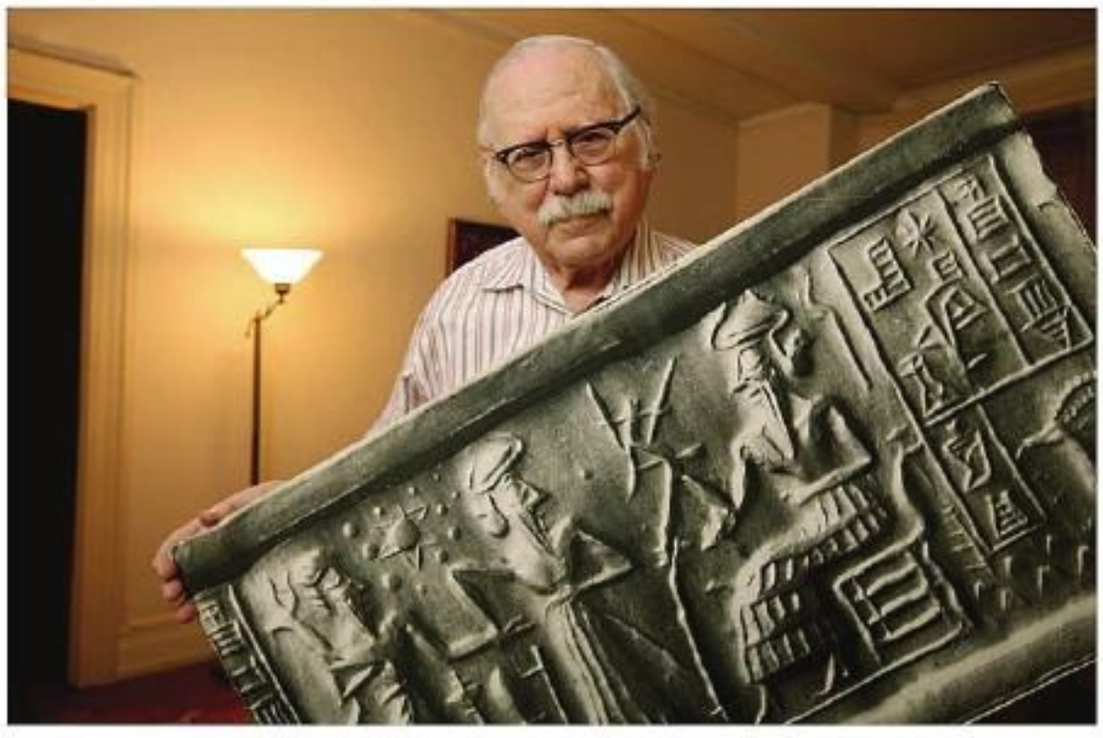
Astronomers might have just found a MASSIVE new planet in the solar system.

By Jake Ellison

OK, we've all been properly proper about Planet 9: It's serious science done by seriously brilliant astronomers (one of whom is fluent in Japanese and Russian!) and there's no such thing as aliens ... at least not anywhere near Earth. But, screw that. On with the fun stuff. The astronomer who demoted Pluto from a planet to a lunch box believes orbital clustering of space bodies in the Kuiper Belt can really only be explained by a big planet orbiting way the hell out there, pulling and pushing these smaller kids around.

Pluto-killer Mike Brown even said on Twitter: "I DO believe that the solar system has nine planets." Call that deep-space body Planet 9 or even Planet X (if you still think Pluto is a planet, thus making this new one No. 10), but for God's sake don't call it Nibiru! ... because that's like playing loud music while trying to hide from zombies. The name alone will enliven the tinfoil-hat people and usher in a Trump/Palin presidency. There have been a million stories about the theorized existence of this planet since Wednesday morning, even quite a few pointing out that it is just a theory and we should all wait until someone spots that damn thing before getting all excited. However, the dozens of news stories I skimmed didn't mention Nibiru! Come on, man.

Here's the theory of Nibiru in a nutshell: The wild man Zecharia Sitchin postulated the existence of a planet on an elliptical orbit beyond Neptune that streaks through the inner solar system once every 3,600 years or so (thanks, Wikipedia).



He called it Nibiru. Wikipedia again: According to Sitchin, Nibiru (called "the twelfth planet" because, Sitchin claimed, the Sumerians' gods-given conception of the Solar System counted all eight planets, plus Pluto, the Sun and the Moon) was the home of a technologically advanced human-like extraterrestrial race called the Anunnaki in Sumerian myth, who Sitchin states are called the Nephilim in Genesis. He wrote that they evolved after Nibiru entered the solar system and first arrived on Earth probably 450,000 years ago, looking for minerals, especially gold, which they found and mined in Africa.

Sitchin states that these "gods" were the rank-and-file workers of the colonial expedition to Earth from planet Nibiru. Sitchin sold millions of copies of his books. Then this other person said aliens told her a dark, secret planet called Nibiru was going to smash into Earth. But that's just crazy.

Anyway, Brown and lead author of the Planet 9 study, Konstantin Batygin, say their planet is on an elliptical orbit that takes between 10,000 and 20,000 years to complete. They also postulate, according to the press release by Caltech, that ...

Scientists have long believed that the early solar system began with four planetary cores that went on to grab all of the gas around them, forming the four gas planets—Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune. Over time, collisions and ejections shaped them and moved them out to their present locations. "But there is no reason that there could not have been five cores, rather than four," says Brown. Planet Nine could represent that fifth core, and if it got too close to Jupiter or Saturn, it could have been ejected into its distant, eccentric orbit.

So, this Super Earth would have started out much much closer to the Goldilocks Zone than it is now ... gleefully adding to the fun idea that a civilization grew up on it, seeded Earth with humans and then WHAMO! got kicked into deep space. In short, if they actually find Planet 9 and don't call it Nibiru, they're just being stuffed shirts. (Neither of the authors responded to my Twitter requests for their opinion on this matter, BTW.) And if they find it and NASA sends a deep probe to it, perhaps it will see the ruins of a once-thriving alien civilization. Perhaps Yoda will invite it in for some Tauntaun soup. I'm rooting for that. After all, the alien civilizations we humans have been imagining all around us for millennia have been chased from the moon, to Mars and beyond as our space agencies go farther and farther out with more and more sophisticated equipment ... and that just makes us feel lonely and crabby.

So bring on the aliens already!

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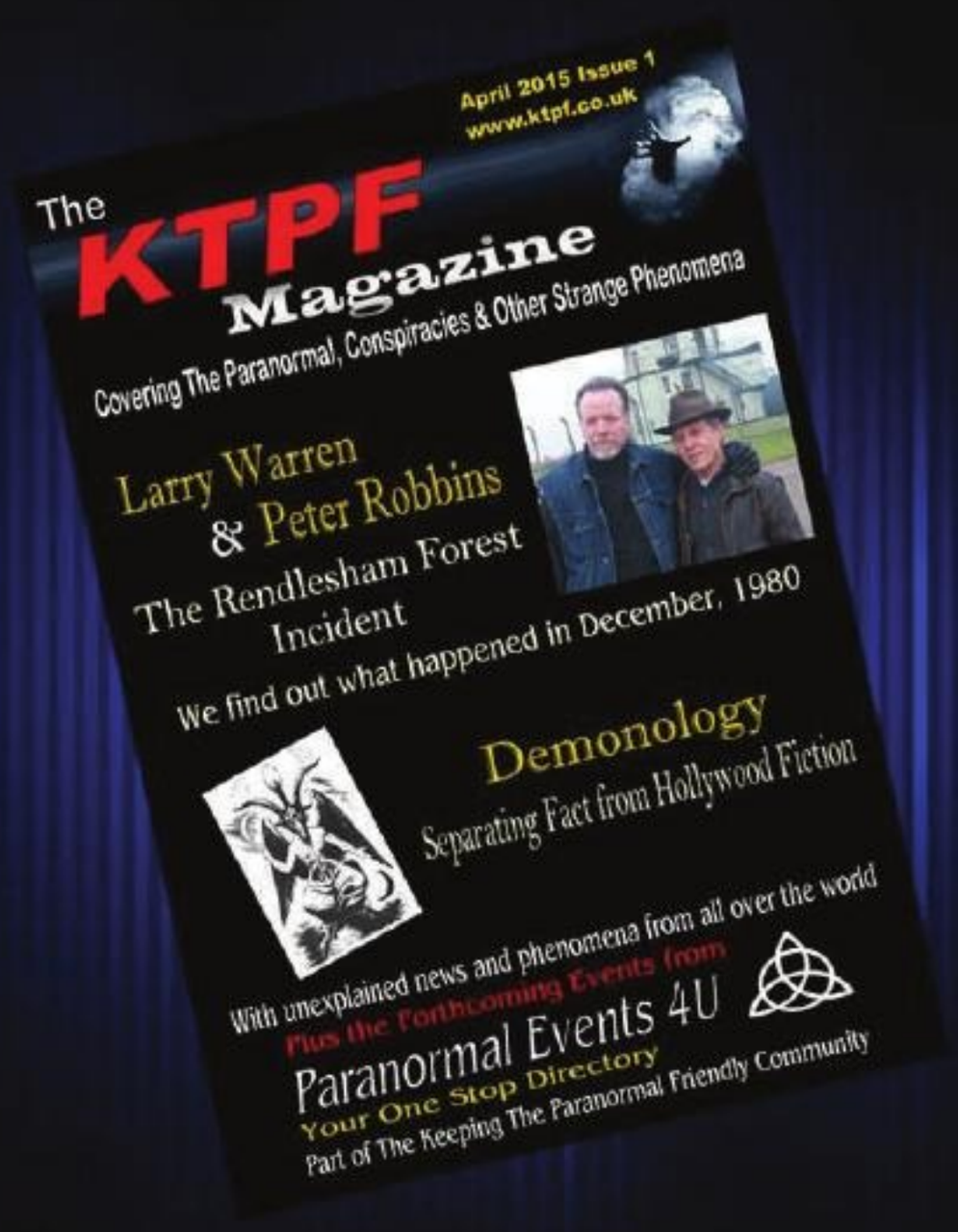

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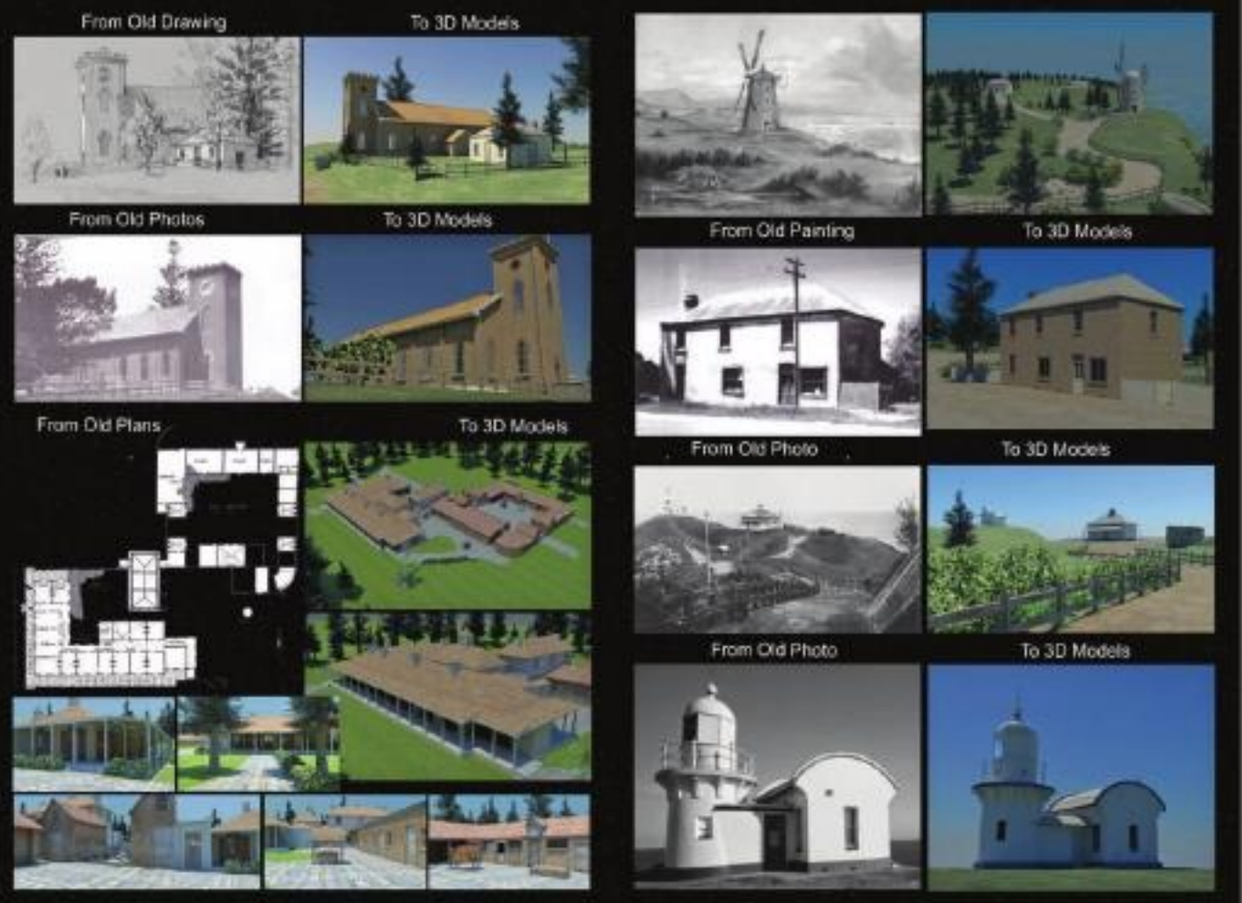

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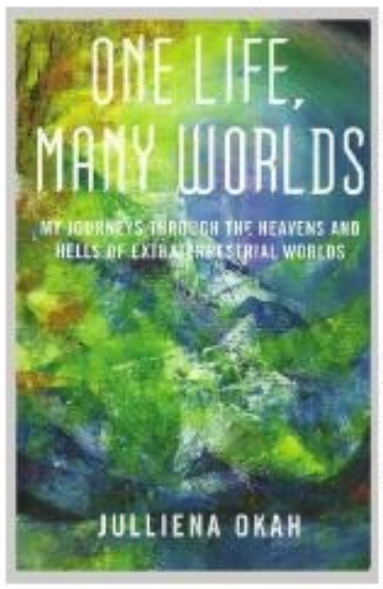
Title: Mysteries of Time and Space
Author: Brad Steiger
Publisher: Anomalist Books
ISBN: 978-1-938398-58-2

If ever a book deserved to be reprinted it is this one, I am also ashamed to say that I never read it first time round (more fool me because it is a treasury of information, informed opinion and a real joy to read). This book is erudite, impeccably researched and, vitally, totally accessible. On is original release around forty years ago it was hailed as a breakthrough that brought the always fascinating, (but frequently frustrating), world of paranormal phenomena and ufology to the masses in an easily digestible form. Well nothing has changed and the book reads as well now as it did then and will enchant, and hopefully inspire, a brand new audience. Its contents, which draw on several sources including case histories, accommodate everything from archaeological anomalies through ghosts and poltergeists to Kirilian photography, the Philadelphia Experiment plus just about everything in between.

What is of particular delight is that Steiger does not shy away from expressing valid and considered opinions on several contentious issues, particularly the possibility that ETs share many of the characteristics of what are normally thought of as 'apparitions' or 'ghosts', in other words there is often little or no difference between ufology and the paranormal. He quotes the late John Keel on this matter, and Keel is someone who influenced and shaped the thinking of your reviewer on this and other matters. Suffice it to say that if you have never read it, or your present copy is a little dog-eared, go and buy it becasue it's an opportunity not to be missed.



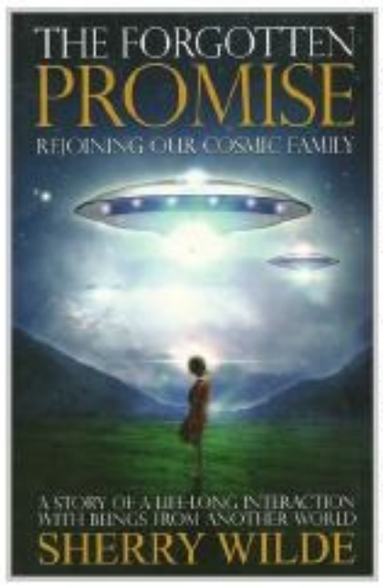
Title: One Life, Many Worlds: My Journeys through the Heavens and Hells of Extraterrestrial Worlds
Author: Julliena Okah
Publisher: Tate Publishing
ISBN: 978-1-62854-341-4
Reviewer: Brett Lueder

Alien Contactees often live precarious lives. Once their contact experiences happen, there is a struggle within that develops between who they thought they were and how they see themselves afterwards. Maybe it is this emotional juxtaposition that steers many Contactees towards a spiritual path. "I became interested in God because of my alien encounters," describes Okah in her book. "The celestial beings I saw and met were godly beings. I needed to be spiritually cultivated." *One Life, Many Worlds* chronicles Okah's many experiences with a variety of paranormal situations explaining that it is these experiences that have provided her with invaluable spiritual growth.

After encountering a shape-shifting alien who appeared as a little girl, the young Okah went on to grow up meeting other aliens, ghosts and Ascended Masters, among other beings. These experiences both ruined her "normal" life and enhanced her personal abilities, physical healing and overall knowledge base.

What makes Okah's story stand out amongst the ever-growing list of Contactee books is the fact that she became a world-renowned violinist and celebrated painter, despite her personal difficulties (multiple suicide attempts, ruined relationships, automobile accidents, amidst other maladies) using both mediums to convey the emotional aspects of her reality.

Her performances are stunning as she plays her violin while displaying her unique art work. From Heaven to Hell and back again, *One Life, Many Worlds* is a gripping tale sure to enlighten and entertain.



Title: The Forgotten Promise: Rejoining Our Cosmic Family
Author: Sherry Wilde
Publisher: Ozark Mountain Publishing 2nd Edition 2014
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Price: $16.00
Reviewer: Brett Lueder

The Forgotten Promise: Rejoining Our Cosmic Family, a recent book from Wisconsin, USA contactee Sherry Wilde, chronicles her journey of coming into awareness of being abducted by aliens. While terror fills her early contacts, she also learns a great deal from a 4'8" Gray alien named "Da." This causes an emotional conflict—a love/hate relationship. Wilde is told that what humans describe as "Gray" aliens are really "containers," or suits that are highly functional in this "vibration." And, Wilde surmised, those legendary black, wrap-around eyes are really shaded lenses, like with ski goggles, she says, because the Gray's souls are so bright it protects humans from the brightness of their inner Light.

When asked if Da was a "Zeta," (humanoid from Zeta Riticuli) he replied that he was so much more. He/it said, "I am a voyager of the Universe going where needed in service to the Creator." Despite living with constant and varying levels of fear, severe ridicule from family and friends and an ongoing series of bizarre experiences like having three Men in Black program her to send a threatening message to her Investigator Don Schmidt, Wilde says she chooses to see her abductors as good.

"It took a lot of looking at their behavior to recognize that I had to step outside of the experience and let go of my perceptions...so that I could view it from a more detached angle...it enabled me to see it as an observer rather than as a victim."

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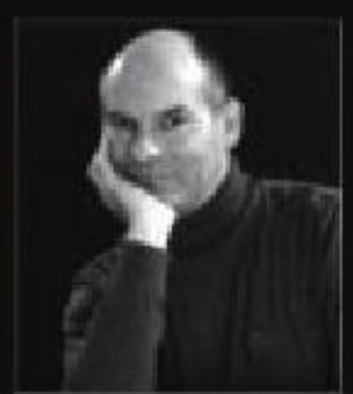
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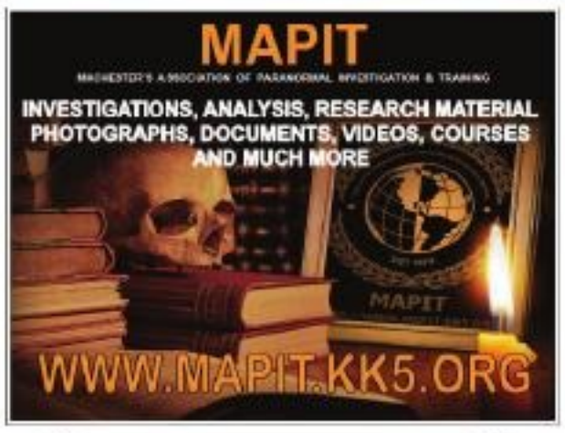

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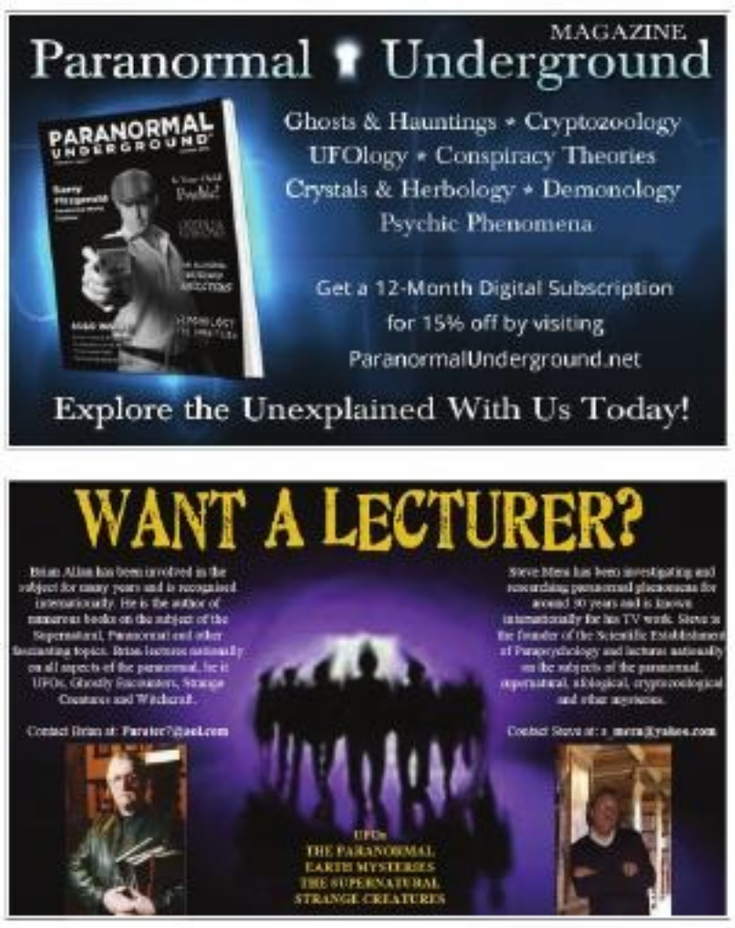
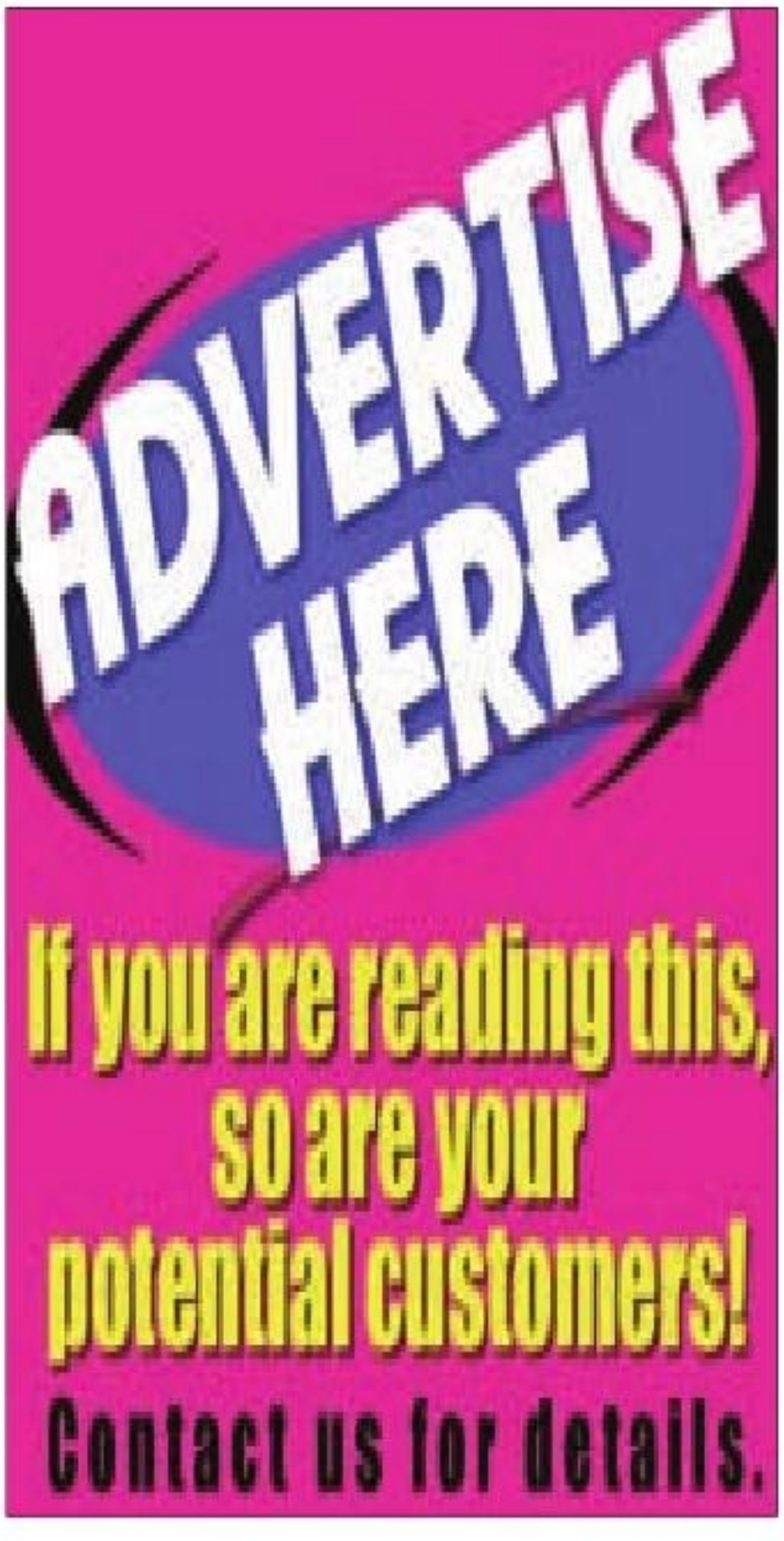
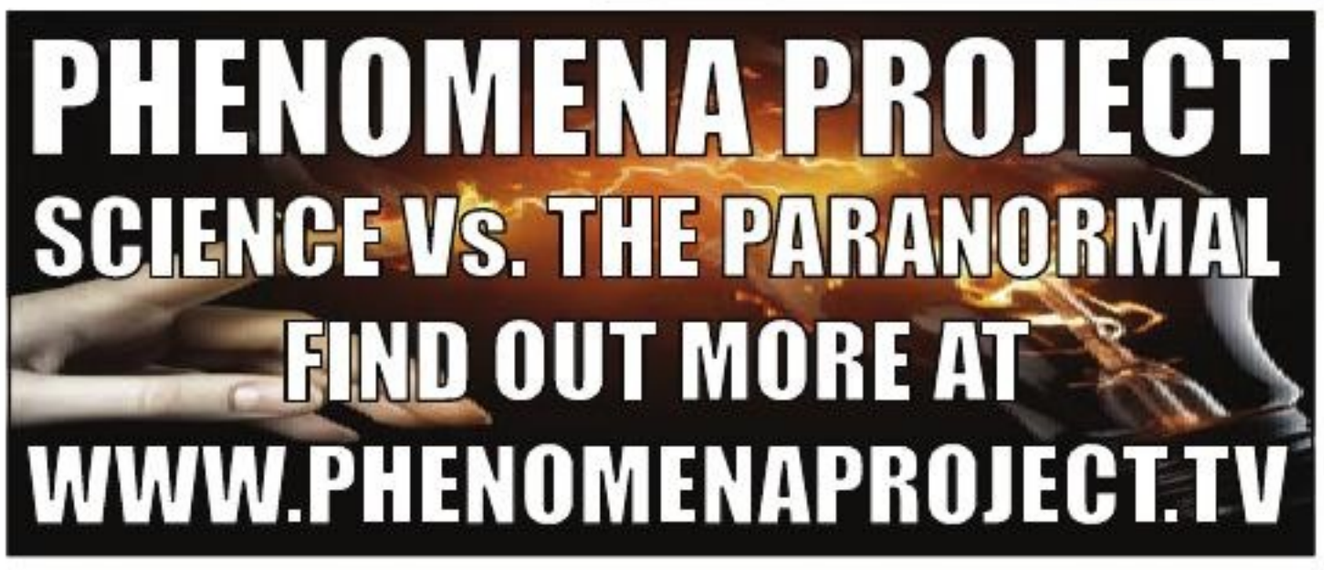




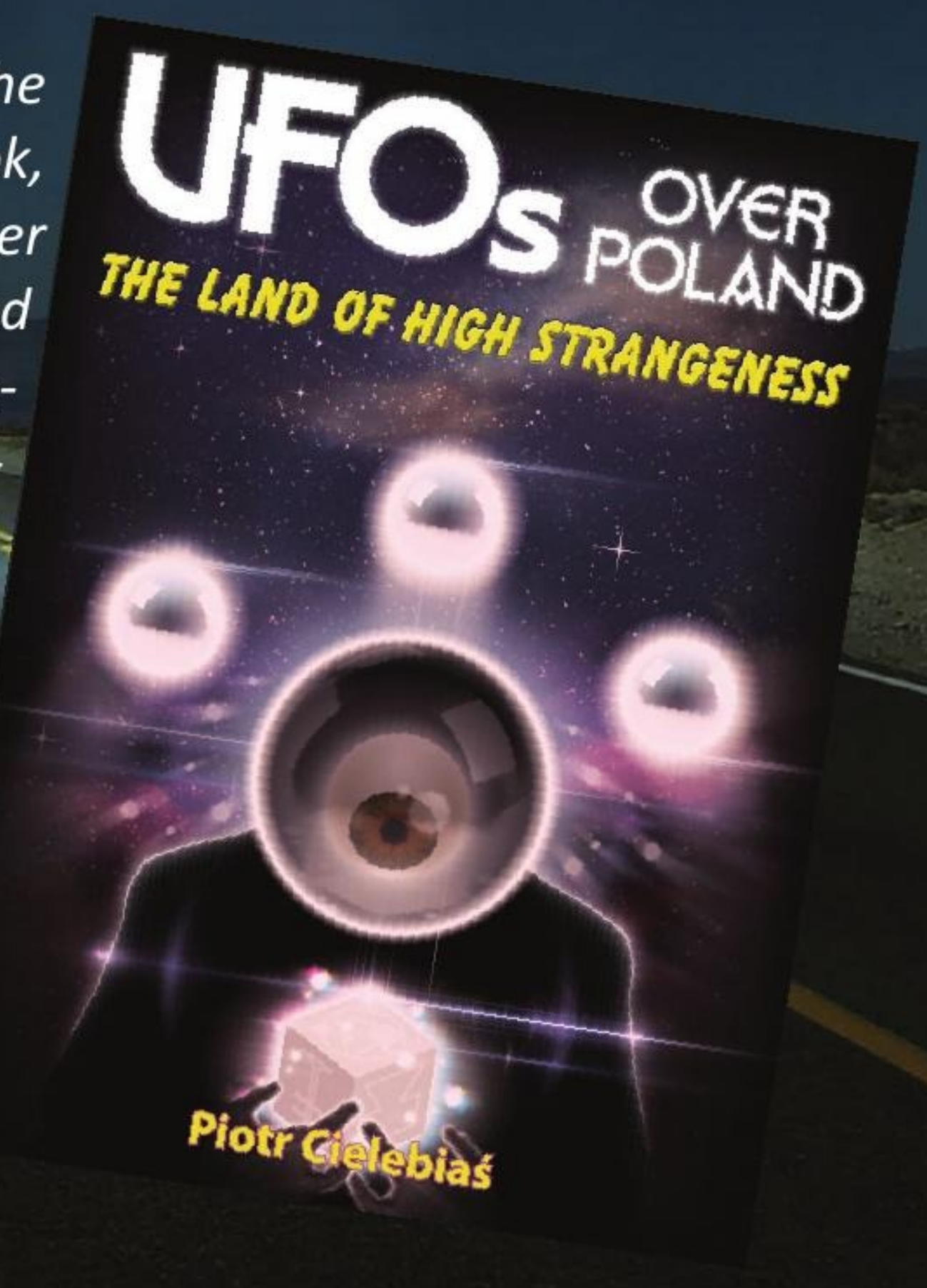


By Rebecca Lomas

UFOs over Poland

An interview with its Author

In a timely continuation of the article and review of the book, UFOs Over Poland by researcher Piotr Cielebiaś, that appeared in last months edition of Phenomena, here we have a recent interview conducted between the book's author and UK based UFO researcher and blogger Rebecca Lomas.



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The UFO book that seems to be gathering interest and momentum at the moment is **'UFOs OVER POLAND'**. Little is know in the west about its author Piotr Cielebiaś. With that in mind I recently took the opportunity to interview Piotr in order to try and learn a little more about his interests and how he became involved in UFO research in his home country of Poland.

RL: How and when did you first become interested in the UFO phenomenon?

PC: It's a long story. I was probably born with an inclination towards all kinds of mysteries. It must be said that as an author I'm interested not only in UFOs but in a wider range of paranormal phenomena. But returning to your question, as a child I loved to hear my grand mothers "strange stories" but one day something very 'strange' happened to me too. For a long time I battled with my thoughts and whether I should discuss this event at all but it was something real.

I was maybe 5 years of age. We were living at my grandparents' house. On morning I woke up to get a drink of water and unintentionally looked out of the window from which the ruins of nearby medieval stronghold could be seen. I then noticed a very strange "machine" hovering just over our neighbor's house. It was a typical flying disk (the size of small car) with row of colored lights at its widest part that were flashing on an off, from left to right. Then it simply flew away. I still remember the experience very vividly. It wasn't striking or terrifying to a child but from today's perspective I took it as being very symbolical and meaningful part of. Anyway, as a kid I didn't go mad with "cosmic brothers". I simply became aware that UFOs exist.

Many years passed during which time I tried always to keep up with the latest information on ufology and the paranormal. Then I entered the UFO community, set up website with my friend, began receiving the first cases and sightings and sharing these experiences with others. Several years later I became a writer in Onet.pl - the biggest Polish web portal and "Nieznany Świat" - the most popular Polish magazine about fringe science and the unknown. That's a much shortened version of the story of how I became interested in UFOs and finished up of course with writing books about the subject.

RL: Have you ever had a personal experience with 'high strangeness'?

PC: No but I have met and spoke with lots of people who has. High strangeness events transgress the borders of "normal" UFO experiences. Ii is either paranormal or very odd in nature and in my opinion it shows the real nature of the "force" behind it.

High strangeness events can, in some instances, be psychic in form. UFOs can, for example, change the witness' consciousness or throw one into another type of reality. But it also can be "symbolical" when the witnesses see things that are close to their own belief system. Marian (Virgin Mary) apparitions or encounters with "living folklore" can be examples of such events.

RL: Has being an historian aided you in your research of the UFO phenomenon?

PC: Yes, of course. When I entered the UFO field, I was a political sciences student and a very young man. Then I began studying history and saw the real values of methodology and criticism. History teaches us that every source of information should be evaluated and put under scrutiny. Then an overall conclusion can be drawn.

Historical studies have made me aware of many things. I learned how to seek patterns in UFO experiences but also in the witnesses' narration. It showed multiple aspects of the phenomenon. Without them I would simply look for cases and naïve stories about flying saucers over and over again without getting anywhere.

I must also confess that as a teenage UFO enthusiast I was an Extraterrestrial Hypothesis enthusiast. Now I'm closer to the ideas of Jung, Vallée, Keel and Meheust. They are linked by a concept of some "source" behind most UFO events. It may be a collective unconscious projecting symbolic apparitions important for the progress of people's thinking or a kind of (non) natural system playing the same role. To sum up, we are living with something that is shaping our thinking and trying to slowly introduce our race into the very complex universe in which we live.

But I am also aware that "UFO phenomenon" is a very spurious term. Therefore I believe that alien astronauts may have occasionally visited our planet and some of the ufological events could be related to them. Besides, some reports are in my opinion caused by some as yet unknown natural phenomenon that seems quasi-intelligent and is manifesting itself in various luminous forms similar to those in the Hessdalen Valley in central Norway. We should not rule out either guests from alleged "parallel realities" or other dimensions.

RL: Whilst compiling your research for your new book UFO's OVER POLAND you will have read many eye witness reports, did any one account stand out to you and why?

PC: It's hard to say, because the book is compiled from the most interesting cases from my own and other researchers' archives. From the cases that I have researched personally, the most interesting one was that from Dąbrowa Górnicza when a bluish colored UFO seemed to chase a local woman. Then it virtually blocked the way to her house, but it surely couldn't happen in our reality. I know the witness and she's one of the most sincere and honest people I've ever met. She's also a businesswoman and had no reason to seek notoriety. Anyway it happened and she was so scared that she fled and took cover at her friend's house for the night. This is how much the encounter frightened her. From the cases that were researched by other colleagues, I must mention the Sanok and Szczecin "possession" cases, i.e. stories when the witnesses' minds were shut off by the UFOs' influence (and they're very similar to Dąbrowa case). Nockowa incident and Czerniaków landings are other ones worth a very big mention also.

RL: In your book you report that the modern Polish era of close encounters with flying disks started in 1922, much earlier than Kenneth Arnolds 'flying saucers'. Why do you think this is not as known? Has the language barrier been an obstacle in sharing Eastern European UFO reports?

PC: The problem is quite complex. The language barrier is a very big problem in ufology. English became the "*lingua franca*" for ufologists from all over the world, but when you do some research, it becomes clear that there are many other "realms" unavailable for most people. At the moment besides English-speaking ufology there's also Spanish, Portuguese and Russian variants and unfortunately there's little information exchange between them all.

But when we look at the ufological map, it turns out that almost every country in the world is more or less teeming with UFO reports. But in the west it is very uncommon to hear about UFO incidents from Czech Republic, Slovakia, Croatia or Hungary (amongst others) although they do have their own ufological history too. As researchers we are missing out on a lot of potential valuable information as a result.

What about Kenneth Arnold - his sighting has for me only a symbolical value. It was a landmark between the modern UFO era and the strange period from the last decade of 19th century to 1947. These decades as we know today were also filled with strange events: The American airship flap from 1896/7, ghost fliers of various kinds, ghost airplanes from Sweden (1930's), foo-fighters (WWII), Ghost Rockets (1946) and so on. The next form were flying saucers, green fireballs and so on.

But as the work of Chris Aubeck and Jacques Vallée has shown us, activity of something we would call "UFOs" was noticeable during all of written history. Some kind of "force" manifested itself as strange phenomena, mainly aerial in nature. So the Targówek event from 1922 is not a unique case. Much more distinctive and perplexing is a historical record from the Vologda area

(Russia). In 1663 a group of people participating in a mass saw a terrifying UFO manifestation over a local lake.

RL: As the co-founder of infra.org.pl are you still receiving many UFO sighting reports in Poland?

PC: 2015 brought a serious drop in UFO activity both to me and my colleagues. The busiest period in my opinion was 2010-12 with several dozens cases every year. For example, in 2011 a flap of flying saucers occurred in the Kraków area. I received many reports from witnesses scarred by plate-like aerial machines that had a strange inclination for passing directly or nearly over the witnesses' cars. Several days later very similar objects were seen in the Rzeszów area.

Equally important were cases of flying triangles and boomerangs (described in the book). At first we took them for being top-secret military tests, because US forces had set up their military bases in Poland some years earlier. Flying triangles and similar craft were cruising over highways and cities at dangerously low altitudes. From a military point of view it was crazy but I was then sure that those exotic machines were American aircraft, much less that most of the sightings took place in the vicinities of military bases. Then the Ukrainian conflict began and it seems logic that CIA flew in its invisible (stealth) machines from Poland to Kiev.

But then a problem appeared: those flying triangles were enormous and very fast. Moreover, as I mentioned, they usually flew over populated areas and busy roads and despite a form of "predator-like" camouflage mentioned by witnesses, they were plainly visible. There were other aspects excluding triangles and boomerangs that were military aircraft. Some disappeared in plain sight but the most strange thing was that each of them was different (one was even "M"-shaped). In other words, if they belong to USAF their engineers would build only prototypes. Our views on nature of those crafts corresponded with NIDS reports in which researchers stated that triangles may be military aircraft but equally may be another "skin" of UFO phenomenon.

These objects activity was purely nocturnal but in the "Nieznany Świat" archive I found a report of a former soldier who saw a "triangle" in broad daylight. He said that its hull looked like a perfect mirror reflecting everything around on its surface. So maybe the camouflage of the flying triangles (being like "waving water") weren't a "masking field" but rather a reflection of lights from the cities below. Who knows ?

RL: In UFO's OVER POLAND you mention that you like the word 'metalogic' for 'characterisation of the mentality standing behind UFO activity', can you expand on this?

PC: Metalogic is a word used by Jacques Vallée and it's connected with the logic and mentality of the UFO phenomenon that from our point of view is absurd. When you try to sketch a psychological portrait of the UFO intelligence you'll see that it's rather childish, absurd and very tricky. UFOs are at times like exhibitionists who like to be looked at and tend to show off with their superior abilities. But when it comes to any form of contact, they're always gone. So it's irrational from our point of view. So my conclusion is that the UFOs' main target is to be observed but on the other hand to confuse and trick the observers. And that's the essence of metalogic.

If we analyze humanoid encounters, it's even worse. They're eccentric and reckless (rather unwanted features for astronauts and explorers). In fact, aliens in their nature are very similar to magical beings from folklore or to mythological gods.

RL: In your opinion, how do we keep moving forward with UFO research?

PC: The nature of the phenomenon is very peculiar. It's both rational and irrational, physical and psychical (non-physical) so it may be somewhat hard to study all the aspects of UFOs with conventional science. Physical traces (although very rare) can be measured in some way, as well as radar-visual observations. But what about cases with UFO influence on human mind or psyche? Or with other cases of high strangeness?

The most important thing in UFO research for now is to summarize the phenomenon or "the real UFOs" forming 8-20 percent (depending on the source). It's much more important than collecting new reports about lights in the sky. Every UFO investigator or researcher can do such an analysis by themselves and it shows that the elusive objects and abductions may in large part convey a kind of message for humanity. In other words, flying saucers and other phenomenon may be a demonstration from some higher source (or force) and its main goal is to shape and educate us. Remember that I'm not saying that aliens don't exist and couldn't visit us. The real ET astronauts may be active down here but they're getting lost in the river of reports about flying saucers to which they are not probably related. I explain this hypothesis in length in my Polish book "The Real UFOs" that will appear in spring 2016 (in Poland).

RL: Piotr, thank you for taking the time to answer my questions and good look with your new book **UFOs OVER POLAND.**

PC: My pleasure...

END OF INTERVIEW

Piotr's new book UFOs OVER POLAND has already received some very favorable reviews, all of which can be read at: http://flyingdiskpress.blogspot.co.uk/

Just to give you a brief idea of some of the comments the book is getting:

"This is an excellent and informative book by author Piotr Cielebias that needs to be on every researcher's book shelf."
Butch Witkowski, FFSc.

" A work created with the intention of getting a deserved place among the classics of this matter."
Jose Antonio Caravaca.

"Very little is known about the plethora of sightings, abductions, aliens, anomalous zones, military reports, and much else taking place in Poland. Cielebias is careful to critically examine this material and presents credible, compelling, evidence."
Irena Scott PhD.

"This book clearly shows that Poland as a country has also been touched by the UFO presence and has a rich history of weird and wonderful events. The author has done a marvelous job in bringing all the best cases to our attention and believes you me; you won't find a better book on Polish UFOlogy (or UFOlogy in general)."
Malcolm Robinson.

"Poland has had a long and rich history of UFO activity, with numerous excellent researchers, but unfortunately English version books covering UFOs in Poland are non-existent, only a sprinkling of articles on various UFO magazines. I highly recommend this all-important regional study which was long time in coming."
Albert S Rosales.

"The book covers a massive era of UFO reports, sightings, and experiences, including a chapter from police officers, who go on record to discuss their experiences with the phenomena. UFO Abductions, Crashes, Flying Triangles, and Flying Boomerangs are also discussed in a book that is a worth addition to any UFOlogists shelf, or for anyone with a passing interest in the case. Cielebias has done an excellent job, and the book thoroughly recommended. I look forward to future volumes."
Mike Covell.

"Piotr's meticulously-researched, well-written and hugely entertaining book is a timely reminder that the UFO phenomenon is global. However, it's only due to the diligence of authors such as Piotr and the tenacity of publishers such as Philip Mantle that we get to hear about some of the more fascinating UFO-related material that exists outside of ufology's mainstream. Highly recommended!"
Nick Pope, Ministry of Defence (Retired)

UFOs OVER POLAND-The Land of High Strangeness is out now on Amazon.

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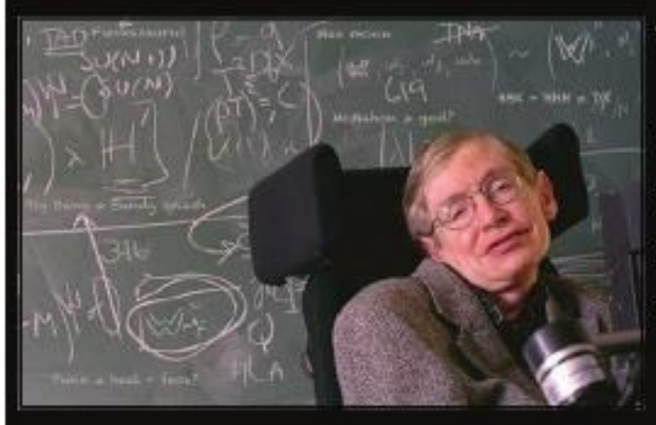
Aliens Will 'Conquer And Colonise' Earth Stephen Hawking Claims



The Huffington Post UK By Nitya Rajan

Get ready for an alien take over. Stephen Hawking has spoken out about our run in with extra-terrestrial creatures and the bad news is it is not going to end well for us. Have a good life everyone. In an interview with El Pais, the eminent scientist said that if aliens were to visit other planets, they would most likely look to colonise and conquer it.

"If aliens visit us, the outcome could be much like when Columbus landed in America, which didn't turn out well for the Native Americans," he explained. "Such advanced aliens would perhaps become nomads, looking to conquer and colonize whatever planets they can reach. "To my mathematical brain, the numbers alone make thinking about aliens perfectly rational. The real challenge is to work out what aliens might actually be like." And Hawking has already made a noticeable effort to lead the charge on helping us find our potential overlords. In July he joined hands with Russian entrepreneur Yuri Milner to launch The Breakthrough Initiative, which has already received $100 million (£64 million) in investment.

The two-fold programme includes using two of the world's largest telescopes to scan the skies for signals from extraterrestrial life as well a competition to create a message that would best represent humans to aliens. Hawking is not the first person to suggest that our alien friends or foes may be more advanced than us. In September Edward Snowden said aliens could be trying to contact us but human are probably too stupid to read their encrypted messages.

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Helpful Research Information: February Celestial Events (Information courtesy of Seasky).

February 7 - **Mercury at Greatest Western Elongation.** The planet Mercury reaches greatest western elongation of 25.6 degrees from the Sun. This is the best time to view Mercury since it will be at its highest point above the horizon in the morning sky. Look for the planet low in the eastern sky just before sunrise.

February 8 - **New Moon.** The Moon will located on the same side of the Earth as the Sun and will not be visible in the night sky. This phase occurs at 14:39 UTC. This is the best time of the month to observe faint objects such as galaxies and star clusters because there is no moonlight to interfere.

February 22 - **Full Moon.** The Moon will be located on the opposite side of the Earth as the Sun and its face will be will be fully illuminated. This phase occurs at 18:20 UTC. This full moon was known by early Native American tribes as the Full Snow Moon because the heaviest snows usually fell during this time of the year. Since hunting is difficult, this moon has also been known by some tribes as the Full Hunger Moon, since the harsh weather made hunting difficult.

DVD Reviews

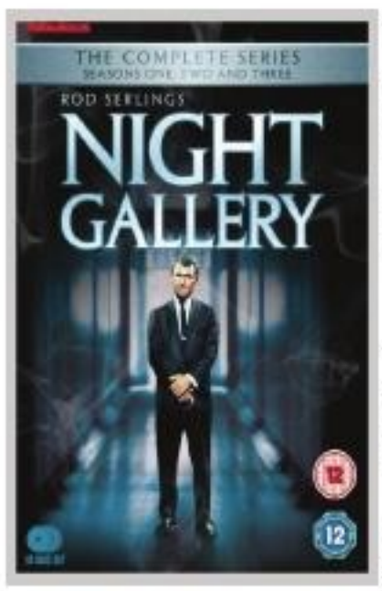
This months selection of interesting DVDs

Phenomena Magazine regularly receive DVDs from producers and distributors and we provide a review of the movie / documentary by promoting and advertising them within our magazine. If you would like to have your DVD reviewed and advertised, simply contact Phenomena Magazine via our website or send your DVD direct to Phenomena Magazine Head Office.

Title: Crimson Peak
Director: Guillermo del Toro
Main cast: Tom Hiddleston, Mia Wasikowska, Jessica Chastain, Jim Beaver
Distributor: Premier Entertainment
Price: £9.99 DVD £12.99 Blue-Ray

As one might expect from a director of the calibre of Guillermo del Toro. This film is an absolutely splendid example of spectacular gothic horror at its very, very best, although del Toro, surprisingly, does not regard it as a horror film. Nevertheless, it is a mixture of stunningly crafted and beautifully filmed supernatural mystery, madness, mayhem and murder and in places reminded me of The Woman in Black, but with ten times the money spent on it. The plot begins in the USA with the heroine, Edith, being warned by her dead mother to '*Beware of Crimson Peak*', and this sets the tone of the rest of a splendidly scary film. Edith ends up marrying an English baronet (played to great effect by Tom Hiddleston) who lives with his sister, a psychotic Jessica Chastain, at Crimson Peak; named after the blood-red clay that his spooky and spectacular family mansion, Allerdale Hall, is built upon. Del Toro actually built a full size, three story indoor set for the house and believe me the meticulous attention to detail shows, a real triumph, but trust me, you really would not want to live there.

Again the house reminded me of another scary dwelling in Steven King's Rose Red and for good reason too. Soon Edith is besieged by series particularly effective and truly terrifying ghosts who are trying to warn her to get out. No plot spoilers here, but suffice it to say that there are enough twists, turns, unexpected and bloody violence and bone-chilling scares to keep ever the most die-hard horror fan pleased, highly recommended.



Title: Night Gallery seasons One, Two and Three
Cast: Various, but includes Leonard Nimoy, Vincent Price, Joan Crawford, Joanna Pettet, Roddy McDowall, Diane Keeton, Sandra Dee, Bill Bixby and Leslie Neilsen.
Distributor: Fabulous Films
Price: £62.99 from Amazon

This new release from Fabulous Films comprises all three series of the TV show 'Night Gallery', which is very similar in format to the much better known 'Twilight Zone'. This is hardly surprising since both were the brainchild of the award winning Rod Sterling. However, whereas Twilight Zone tended to be Sci-Fi oriented, Night Gallery is much darker, with the emphasis on the macabre. Each episode, in addition to having some very well known actors taking part, is a stand alone tale represented by a painting in an old museum with the redoubtable Sterling supplying the link and a bit of the back-story. One has to keep in mind that these shows were made in the late 60's and early 70's and this can be seen in their approach to the subject matter, which, in addition to the lack of CGI, is much less gruesome and graphic than have become the norm. The subjects covered are, however, timeless in their ability to enthral, chill and transport the viewer to another time and place.

For the film buffs it was this series that introduced Steven Spielberg to the director's chair and apparently caused a very young Guillermo Del Toro to pee his pants. Given that there are ten DVDs and the quality of the tales, it is difficult to select one particular episode, but for this reviewer the terrifying 'The Doll' was an absolute standout with 'Sins of The Fathers', 'Midnight Never Ends' and 'A Question of Fear' not far behind. For the horror aficionado this collection is an absolute must have and an affectionate retrospective on how the horror genre developed on TV.

Title: The Last Witch Hunter
Director: Brek Eisner
Main Cast: Vin Diesel, Elijah Wood, Rose Leslie, Michael Caine
Distributor: Entertainment One
Price: £21.99 on special edition SteelBook Blue-Ray, or £9.99 from Amazon

This film opens 800 years ago with a CGI laden feast of gore and mayhem as a group of warriors set out to kill the Witch Queen. Led by Kaulder the witch hunter, played by Vin Diesel, there is a furious battle and the Queen is duly slain, but before combusting into a pile of ash she curses Kaulder to immortality. But is she really dead? Cut to the present and we find Kaulder in Manhattan still seeking out and killing rogue witches (there is a witch council that tries to maintain a truce between humanity and the witches. He is aided by a succession of priests (called 'Dolans') who represent The Order of Axe and The Cross, an organisation also dedicated to keeping the peace.

The tale progresses with splendidly violent set pieces, until we find that there is a plot to reincarnate the Witch Queen and activate an army of witches, all conveniently incarcerated by the Witch Council in a kind of jail.

The film ends as it started with Kaulder and the reanimated Queen battling it out once again, the Queen is despatched, but there is an obvious nod to a sequel. Not a bad genre film (the CGI is excellent) and certainly well worth a watch.

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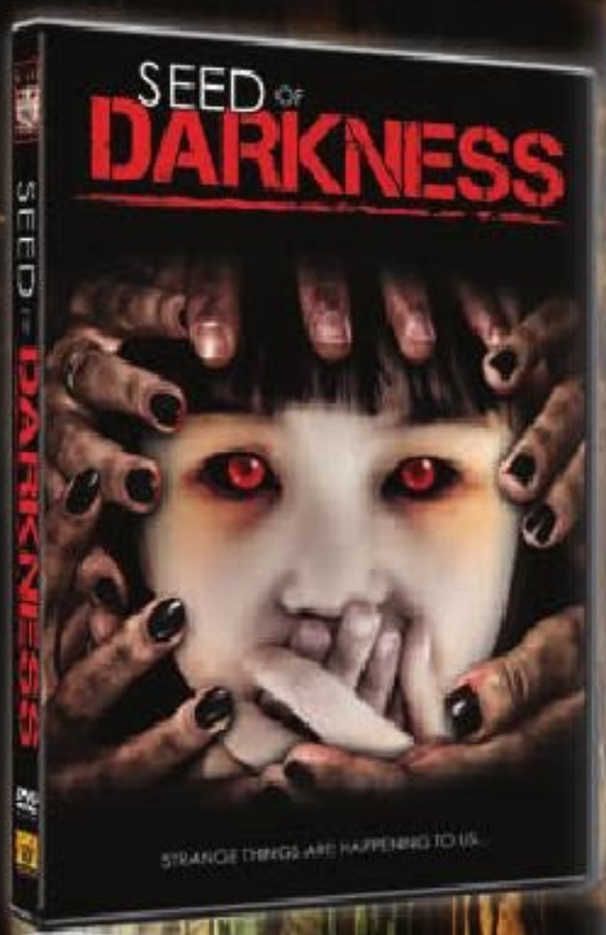

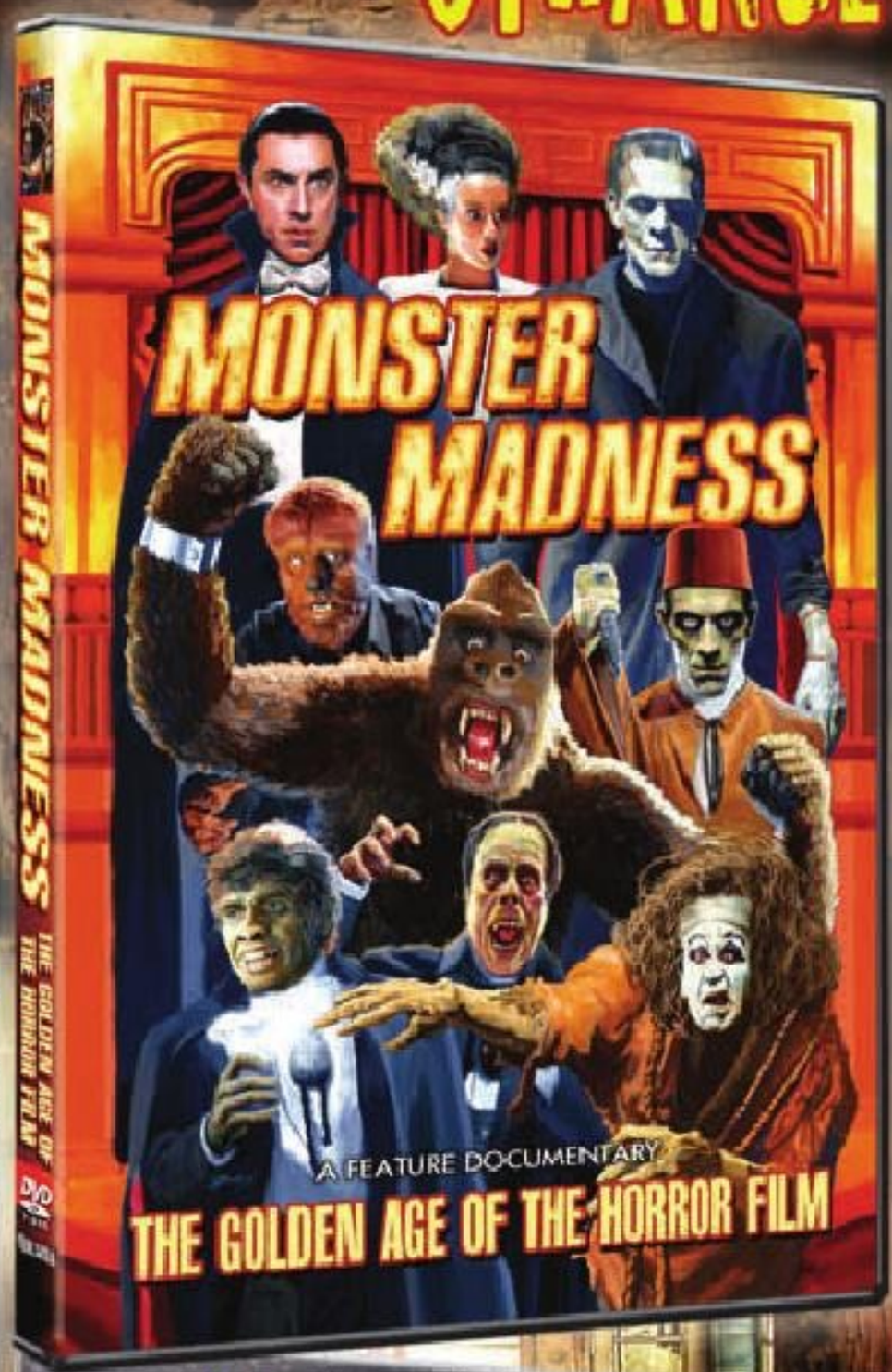

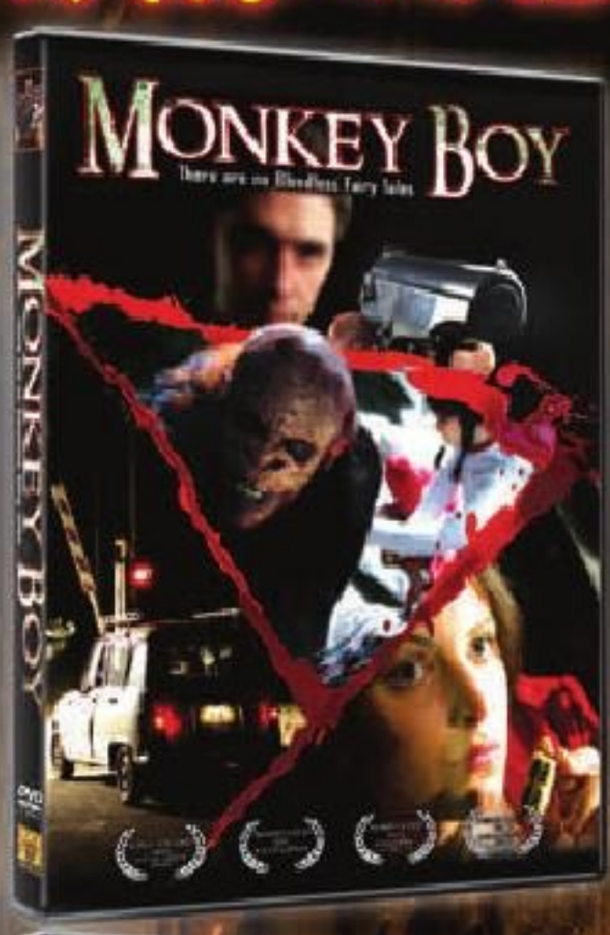

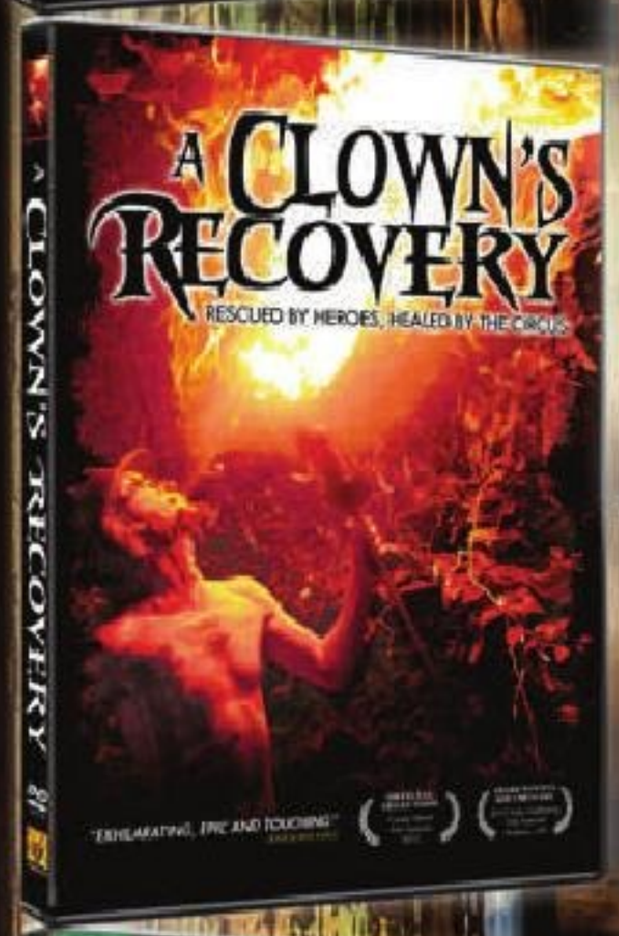

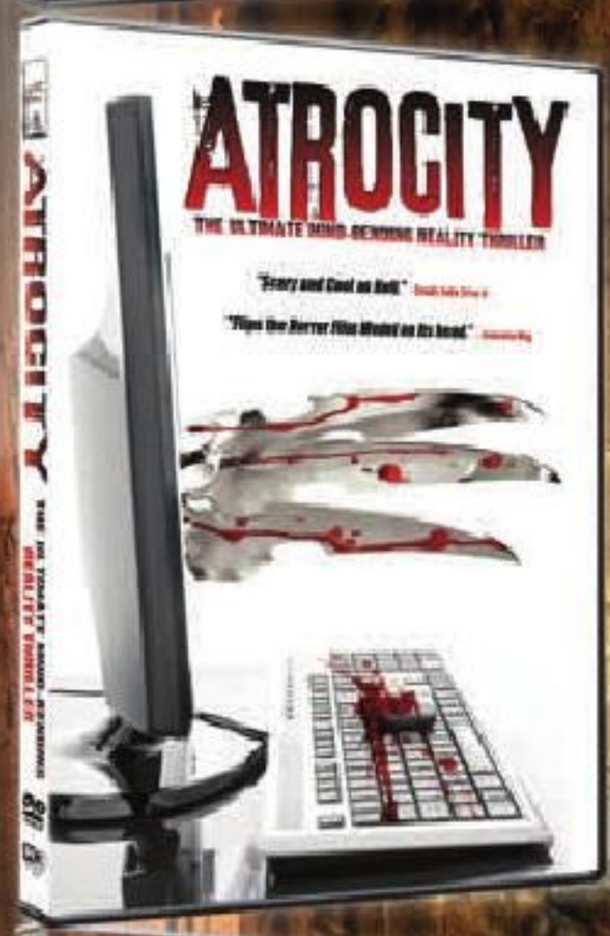

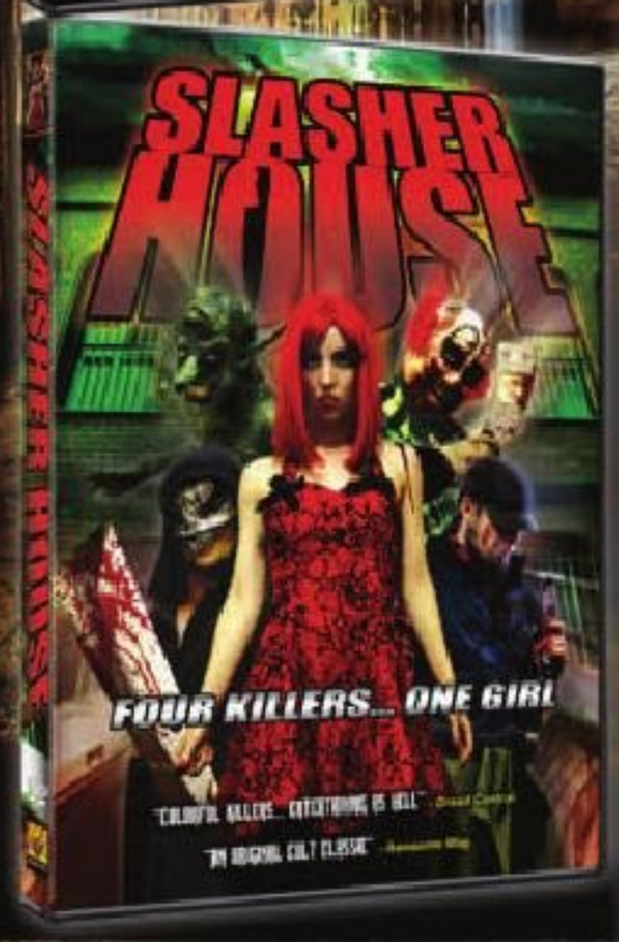

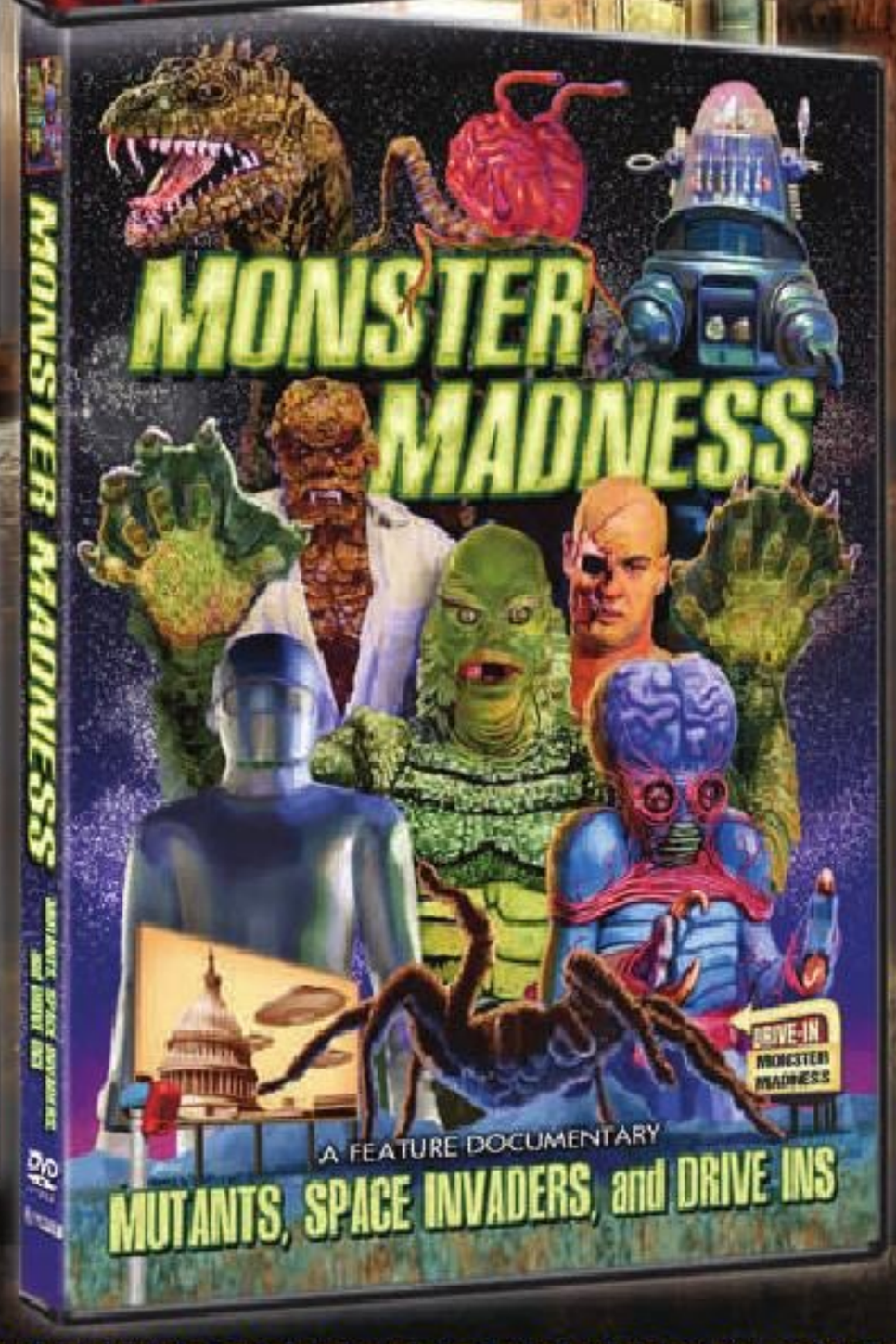

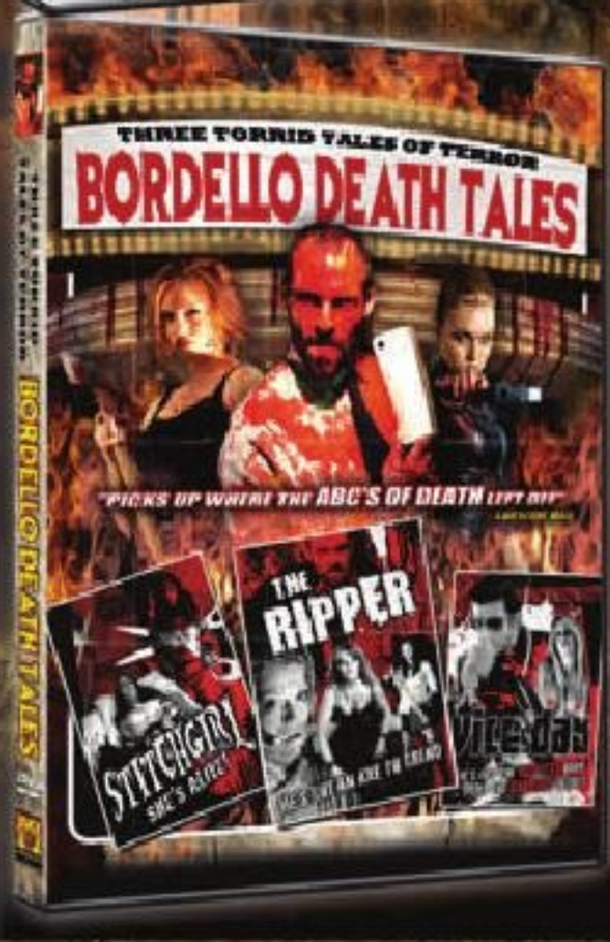

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